

Haida Gwaii (SD50) District Parents Advisory Council

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Haida Gwaii DPAC Year End Summary

| June 2024 |

Who are we?

DPAC Representatives are appointed by the Parent (Guardian) Advisory Councils from each of the schools within SD50 on Haida Gwaii. Where local school PACs do not currently exist, representation can still be made by a parent or guardian with interest in their child's education.

The current DPAC is:

Sean Muise – Chair (and GKNS Rep)

Melissa Paugh – Secretary (and ALM Rep)

Merewyn Nichol – Treasurer (and PCES Rep)

Meghan Wallace – TES Rep

Mecca Huston – SNES Rep

What is the DPAC?

The School Act gives parents and guardians the right, through **Parent Advisory Councils (or PACs)**, to provide feedback to the administrators of the schools that their children attend. Each school has the option to form a local PAC.

A **District Parent Advisory Council (or DPAC)**, through its elected Executive and appointed Representatives, may advise the school board and Board of Trustees respecting any matter relating to the education of the students in the school district.

The Haida Gwaii DPAC has been established to serve as the officially recognized collective voice of parents and guardians within School District No. 50, here on Haida Gwaii.



Did You Know? The HGDPAC meets online, 8 times a year and welcomes any parent or guardian of a student in SD50 who would like to listen in or participate - Check in with your school's PAC next September and have a voice in matters affecting your district and the education of your children.



Key DPAC Milestones in the 2023-24 School Year

Over the last 10 months, we discussed a wide range of items and had the opportunity to make a meaningful difference for the schools that we collectively represent.

September 2023:

Met with Roberta Toth, Numeracy Specialist to discuss school strategies; received updates on the [Preventure](#), [Power Up](#) and [Safer Schools Together](#) (SST) programs; School Board reported a budget surplus

October 2023:

Update on Masset daycare construction; [Power Up](#) Sexual Health Education presentations and training successfully implemented; AGM and election of DPAC Exec; financial support for volunteers to attend the [BCCPAC](#) Education Summit in Richmond, BC

November 2023:

Constitution Committee established; 2 delegates sent to the BCCPAC Education summit; Discussed loss of

Youth Center in Daajing Giids, funding for playground in Port Clements and school morning accountability programs for HG high schools

December 2023:

DPAC Christmas Brunch & Visioning Session

January 2024:

Discussion of District cell phone and device policies, rural bussing issues, and Early Learning Forum; received update on Masset school amalgamation

February 2024:

Signing authorities for Bank Account updated; Letter sent to Board seeking clarification of Digital Device Policy for schools in SD50

April 2024:

Discussed interest in helping

Port Clements Elementary re-establish a functional PAC for the 2024-25 school year; participated as a partner in the hiring for a new permanent Superintendent for SD50 – Congrats [Lisa Bernoties-McCullough](#)!

May 2024:

Learned more about the grand opening of [Daaxiigan Sk'adāa Née](#) on September 4th; updates on upcoming 3 & 5 year old fairs, SOGI presentations and Speech Language Pathology events coming in June

June 2024:

Letter sent to Board seeking solutions on identified bussing issues; 14 day Notice given to amend DPAC Constitution; sponsored a [SOGI](#) Parent Information Night

For more information or for DPAC Meeting Minutes, reach out to us at hgdpac@gmail.com!

"We are committed to working together with all Haida Gwaii communities, governments, organizations and families to enhance student learning." – [SD50 2022 – 2026 Strategic Plan](#)



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