



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84,
HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023,
AT KYUQUOT ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot)
Katie Unger (Gold River)
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis) (Zoom)
Cyndy Rodgers (Zeballos)

ALSO PRESENT: Lawrence Tarasoff, Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer
Annie McDowell, Associate Director of Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm and acknowledged and gave thanks that we work, play and live on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Nuuchahnulth peoples, specifically the Ehattesaht, Ka'yuu:k't'h/Che:k'tles7et'h', Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Nuchatlaht Nations. We honour our relationship with these Nations and with all other First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples who reside in the territories we serve.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

2023:R-023 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Hanson
AND RESOLVED:
"TO approve the agenda."

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2023:R-024 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2023."

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil.

PUBLIC INQUIRIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

a. **Ms. Natalie Dickson, Principal, Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School**

Principal Dickson and her team have focussed this year on relationships, voice and connection, as outlined in the attached 'Sharing Our Story' report.

The Trustees expressed appreciation for the warm welcome they received and for the staff's hard work and commitment to bring about life successes for KESS students. They enjoyed meeting with the students and watching them dance, sing and drum in preparation for the upcoming Cultural Event in Gold River. Other highlights included a visit with staff over lunch, a tour of the school (the gym addition has started!), teacherages, grounds, and the Nation's new carving tent. The Trustees also met with a Legislative Council member in the afternoon to discuss items of mutual interest – overall, a wonderful visit to this most incredible school that is doing great things for kids! Thank you to everyone!

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chair, SD5
- (Southeast Kootenay)
- BC School Trustees Association
- Copy of Letters to Minister of Education and Child Care, Minister of Health, and BCSTA President, re Speech Language Pathologist Deficit
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees

- BCSTA
- Strathcona Regional District
- BCSTA
- Vancouver Island School Trustees' Association
- BCSTA
- BCSTA
- Ray Watkins Elementary
- BCSTA
- BCSTA Update: Preparing for Provincial Council at AGM
- SRD – Building Bridges Through Understanding the Village
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- Agenda – VISTA Annual General Meeting – April 28
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA Update: Your Guide to AGM
- April Newsletter
- BCSTA Weekly: Welcome to AGM 2023; Indigenous-Focused Graduation Requirement Resources; ChildCare BC Bulletin; Losing a Son to a Fentanyl Overdose; Mental Health and Substance Use Survey and Resources; Opinion – Advocacy; Reminders
- March/April Newsletter
- April Newsletter
- May Newsletter
- BCSTA Headlines: Daily News for School Trustees
- BCSTA Weekly: Thank you; Dates for Board; School Food Newsletter; New Report – Mission; Opinion – Advocacy Needs to be Planned; Reminders

2023:R-025 **MOVED:** Trustee Rodgers, **SECONDED:** Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
“TO receive and file the correspondence.”

REPORT OF THE CLOSED MEETING:

Chairperson Fehr reported that the Board discussed two land and three labour issues.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

a. School Reports

Trustee Rodgers reported that everything is going well at Zeballos School, and students are busy preparing for next week's Cultural Event - making and painting drums, dancing, singing, drumming, and making gifts.

Chairperson Fehr reported that Gold River Secondary School held their annual Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt. The NSOP students enjoyed a recent overnight canoe trip, and the track and field season is in full swing with students recently competing in the North Island Meet and performed very well, with some students placing in the top three. There are 10 students travelling to Victoria for the Island Meet in two weeks!

b. Enhancement Agreement/Local Education Agreement Meeting

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported on the meeting of April 25 that discussed the joint transportation plans, the ILRP/EDUC VIU courses, the student teacher program, support staff training, the student-hosted cultural event on May 18th at Gold River Secondary School, and other community and school items. The next meeting will be held in Zeballos School on May 29, 2023.

c. BC School Trustees Annual General Meeting

Chairperson Fehr and Trustees Rodgers and Unger attended the 119th AGM: Level Up, Strategies for Student Success. Chairperson Fehr provided the following report:

Thursday, April 27

Keynote Speaker – The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould

- be an 'in-between' – walk between and transcend silos
- we can all be leaders and use our voices when called to action
- need to be relentless to lead the way to make changes
- we all have a role in moving change forward
- justice, inclusion and equity

Friday, April 28

System Transformation Using Student Voice - Abbotsford Assistant Superintendent and panel of Student Voice students

- Listening to students
- Inclusive, collective, intergenerational
- Questions to student panel:
 1. Describe a school system in which students thrive
 2. Anti-Racism – What identities do you have?
 3. What opportunities have you had in school to learn Indigenous ways, etc.?
 4. What does student success mean to you? How do you know an adult cares for you?
 5. One wish to make your school better

Concurrent Sessions:

- Board Governance: Some Key Learnings
- Working Together Towards Anti-Racism in BC's Public Education System
- Indigenous Education
- Framework for Enhancing Student Learning: Improving Learning Outcomes for All Students

Implementation of Provincial K-12 Reporting Policy (2022-2023) - Dr. Melanie Stewart – Assistant Deputy Minister of Education and Child Care

- Parent & Caregiver Handout – to be released May 5
 1. Current State of Report Cards
 - Three different policies for reporting and can even be different within a school
 2. Curriculum Redesigned
 - flexible
 - focused on competencies and how to learn
 - therefore need to change report cards to match the new curriculum
 3. Report cards are changing too
 - parents know more about their child
 - ongoing communication e.g. how parents can help child
 - focus on proficiency for each child's learning
 - importance of self-assessment
 - formative assessment (ongoing process of assessment)
- How was new policy designed?
 - Consultation with groups
 - Pilots in 13 Districts (2018-2022)
 - 2002 to present –wrote Policy framework and tested it
 - fully implement 2023-2024
 - student self-assessment: thinking, communication, and social and emotional learning
- What is included in the new Policy?
 - the Policy is minimum standard for reporting
 - Linear has five reporting – two written, two informal, one summary

- Provincial Scale (K-9) and letter grades for 10-12
- New description comments and K-9 no letter grades
- Provincial Scale - emerging, developing, proficient, extending
- Graduate status update with what students need to know program and how they are doing will be on their report cards
- What is on the report card?
 - Graduation update
 - Provincial scale
 - Written comments
 - Core competencies and goal-setting
- What has been publicly communicated?
 - Done in 2022
 - Support guidelines for teachers
 - Public engagement
- What are next steps?
 - Parent brochure to be out May 5 (can be used in pieces)
 - Available as a PDF
 - Webinars from Ministry in late Spring
 - MyEdBC to be updated in the Summer
 - summary of new report cards is to be put into June report cards and again in September report

Advocacy 101 for Boards of Education - Suzanne Hoffman and Rachel Garrick

- look at it through a governance lenses
- definition for Boards: promoting role of Boards, establishing credibility within and beyond your community
- building trust and confidence
- nurture internal and external relationships
- sharing and amplifying student voices and community voices and needs
- align with District mission and vision, as well as Strategic Plan
- adhere to District Policy
- be proactive building relationships and reaching out over time
- lobbying is reactive to a specific legislation (influence) and advocacy is listening

Students as Owners of Learning and Partners of Educational Change - Dr. Yong Zhao

- we are smart in different ways
- big personality types: introverted, extraverted, open, stable
- there are 16 human motivators
- creating value for others: entrepreneurial mindset

VISTA Branch Meeting

- Notice to intent to change Bylaws by updating them
- Meeting for the next six years
- Elections held:
 - President – Janice Caton
 - 1st Vice-President – Pam Craig
 - 2nd Vice-President – Teri Vanwell
 - Secretary – Eve Flynn
 - PLC to BCSTA – Tania Brzoic
- Next meeting October 13-14 in Nanaimo

d. **BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting**

Chairperson Fehr attended this meeting and reported that all Committee reports were passed (all voting electronically), and the 2023-2024 budget was approved. The Provincial Council meeting scheduled for February 2024 will be virtual.

e. **Working Relations Committee Meeting**

The meeting of May 3rd addressed exit interviews for teachers, internet connectivity at the Zeballos teacherages, and the refusal of unsafe work as it applies to all employees including TTOCs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. **Preliminary (Annual) Budget 2023-2024**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer presented an overview of the budget, which reflects moderate spending with an aggressive use of some of the accumulated reserve. The budget is built without reductions in any areas, with the majority of the revenue increase allocated to staff cost increases. In addition, staff will be added for succession planning (exempt staff changes mean some staff overlap for training) and, due to inflation, there are additional costs associated with similar spending. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer recommended approval of the annual budget, as presented.

2023:R-026 MOVED: Trustee Rodgers, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO give the Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024 three readings in one."

2023:R-027 MOVED: Trustee Stiglitz, SECONDED: Trustee Rodgers
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adopt the Annual Budget of the Board of Education for the fiscal year 2023/2024, and the total budget bylaw amount of \$13,656,015, as prepared in accordance with the School Act."

b. **District Cultural Event – May 18, 2023**

The Trustees are looking forward to attending the upcoming cultural event which takes place at Gold River Secondary School, with all schools taking part and large turnout expected.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Upcoming Graduation Ceremonies:**

- June 9 – Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School
- June 10 – Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
- June 15 – Zeballos Elementary Secondary School
- June 17 – Gold River Secondary School
- June 24 – Captain Meares Elementary Secondary School

b. **Accessibility Committee for School District 84**

The District has received an invitation to partner with Strathcona Regional District to improve accessibility and inclusion with in the Strathcona region. The Strathcona Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee will include representation from the City of Campbell River, Village of Gold River, Village of Sayward, Village of Tahsis, Village of Zeballos, Vancouver Island Regional Library, School District 72 and School District 84 – as well as other public sector organizations in the region who wish to participate on accessibility and inclusion efforts. Trustee Cyndy Rodgers will represent School District 84 on the Advisory Committee.

c. **EA/LEA Update**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported that the District is working with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council to get documents ready for discussion and ultimately signing in the summer. There are good relationships in place and things are progressing well.

SUPERINTENDENT/SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT:

a. **District Update**

The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer reported that the District is doing great and multiple activities and field trips are happening. There are so many initiatives underway and an abundance of good learning happening!

b. **Enrollment Report**

The enrollment increased slightly again to 349 students registered including homeschoolers, continuing education and international students.

c. **Finance Warrants**

The finance warrants were reviewed and the District remains on track with its spending, with an anticipated 10% of budget remaining at the end of the fiscal year.

TRUSTEE INQUIRIES:

Nil

PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES:

Nil.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS:

The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2023, at 4 pm, at the House of Unity on the Tsaxana Reserve. The public is invited to attend. Any requests for agenda additions should go to amcdowell@viw.sd84.bc.ca two weeks prior to the meeting. Board meeting minutes are posted on the District's website at <http://www.sd84.bc.ca/board-meetings-school-district-84>.

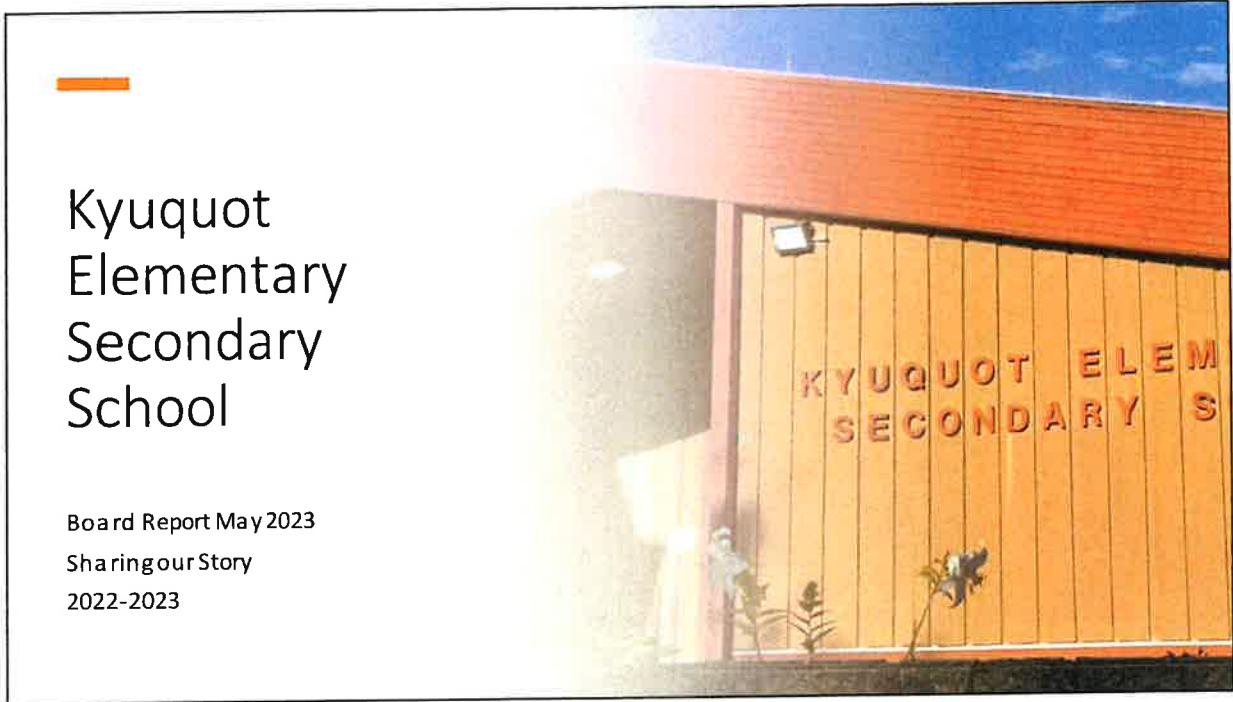
ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:43 pm

2023:R-028 MOVED: Trustee Hanson, SECONDED: Trustee Stiglitz
AND RESOLVED:
"TO adjourn."

Kyuquot
Elementary
Secondary
School

Board Report May 2023
Sharing our Story
2022-2023



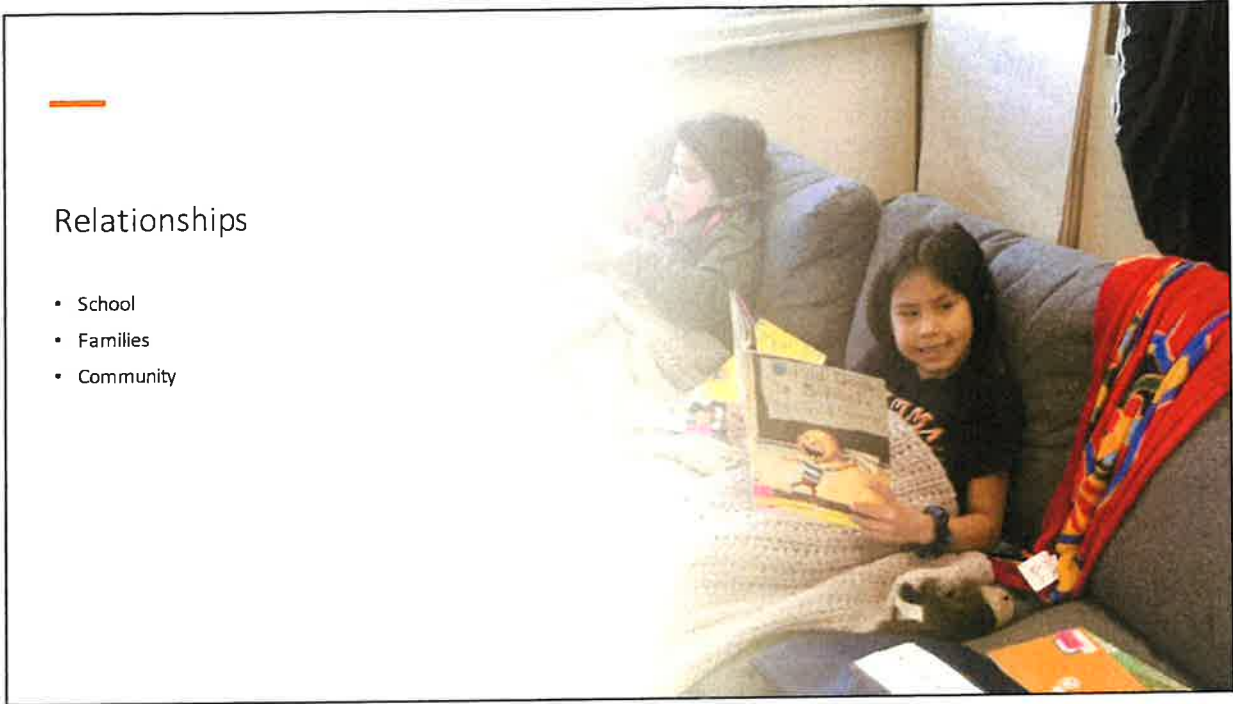


Priorities

- Relationships
- Voice
- Connection

Relationships

- School
- Families
- Community





Relationships

- With School
 - Recruiting from within and out of community
 - Establishing priorities and values for vision being built
 - Food Program

Is this somewhere we want to be?
How does this space and place support me to my goals?



Prioritizing

- Open Houses;
- Community Christmas Dinner
- Crafts Fairs
- Literacy Week
- Inclusive Activities to learn together



How do we acknowledge past barriers; and create a safe space for connection and voice.

Voice



COMMUNITY



STUDENT



EDUCATING TEAM



Voice

- Community
 - Equity Meetings
 - KCFN Stakeholder Meetings
 - VIL Collaboration Meetings
 - Community Consultation

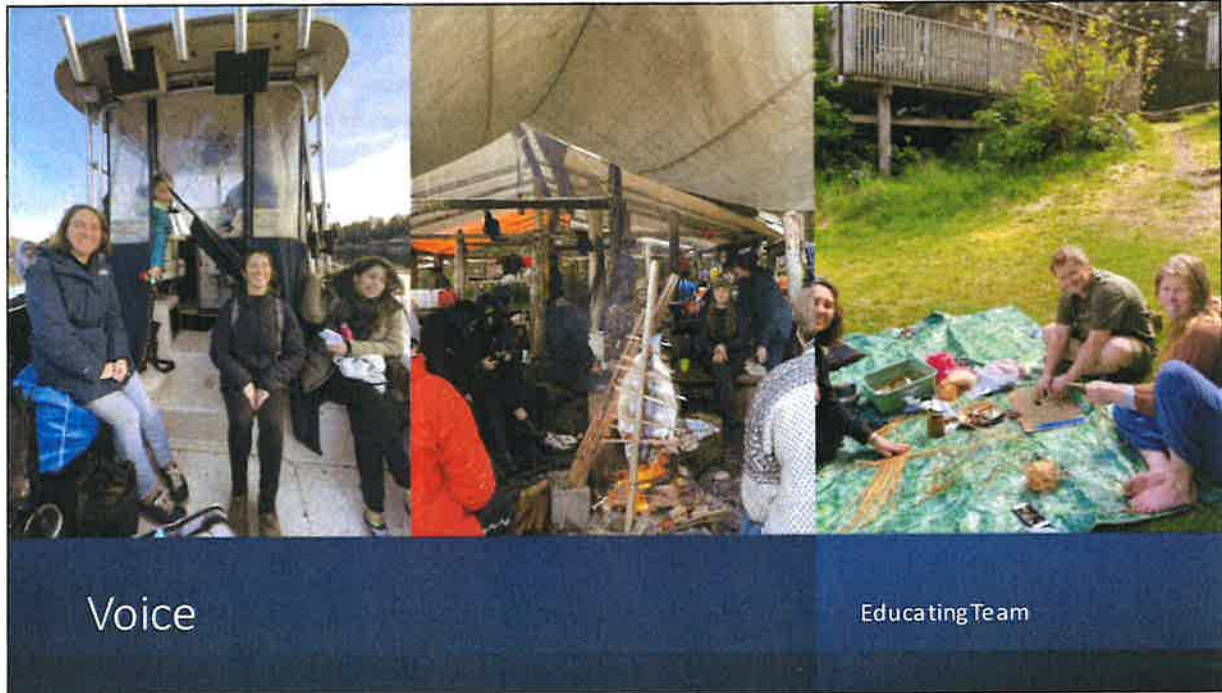


Voice

- Student/ Youth
- Language of Learning
- Goals
- Pathways to Post Secondary



Confidence



Collaborating
Connecting
Planning
Creating

Connection



Culture



Land



Each Other



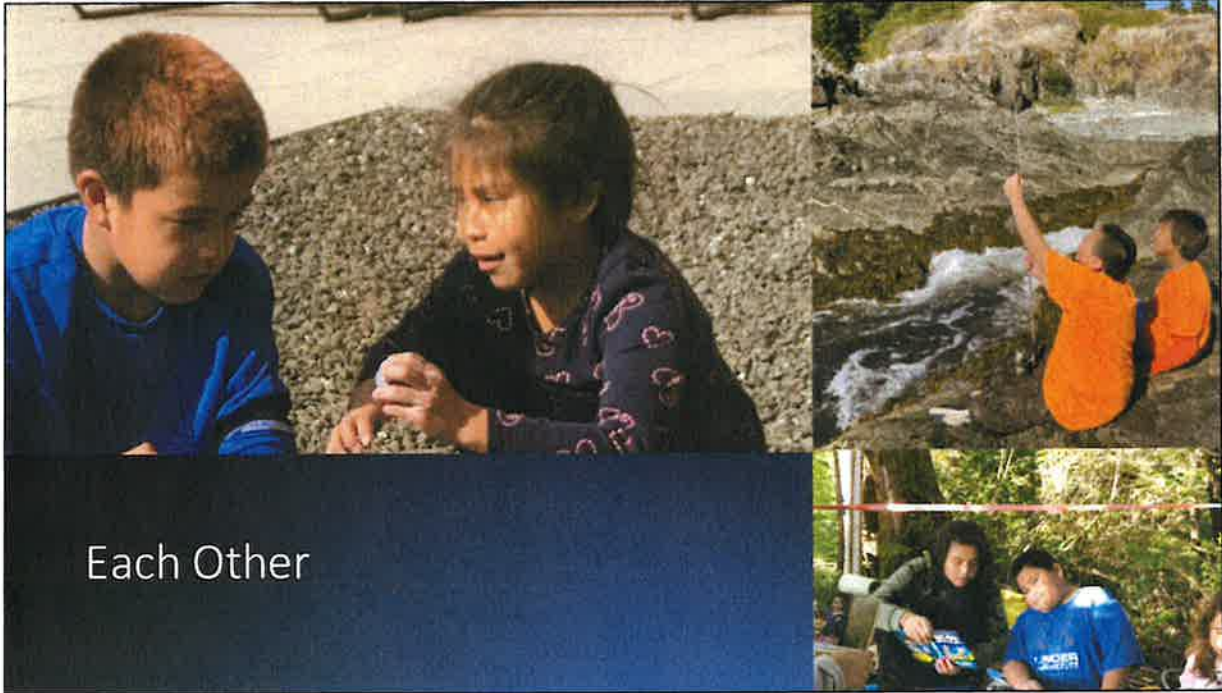
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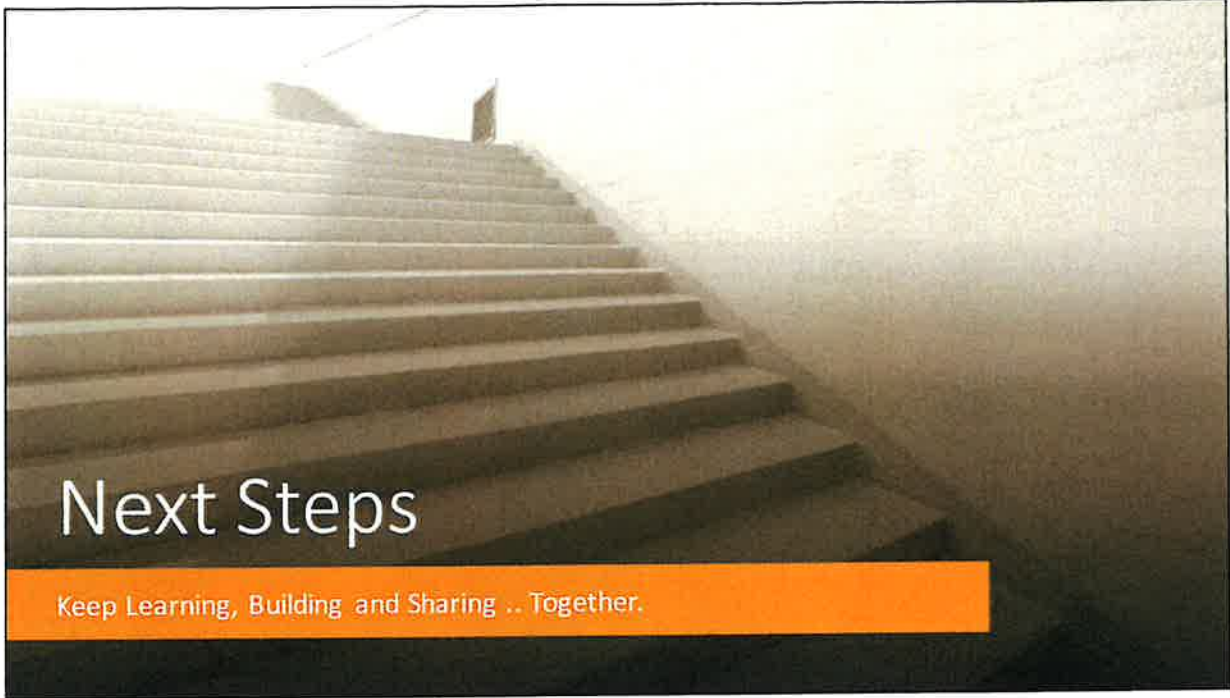
- Language
- Song and Dance
- Sharing
 - Kleetsu
 - Haida Gwaii

Land

- Learning
- Exploring
- Belonging







Next Steps

Keep Learning, Building and Sharing .. Together.

School Culture is not created by a mission statement on a wall, but it is created and lived out daily by everyone in the school: working together, supporting each other and being dedicated to be their best. – Brad Johnson

