



BEAUFORT- DELTA EDUCATION COUNCIL

Aklavik, Ft. McPherson, Inuvik, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk,
Ulukhaktok

MINUTES
BEAUFORT DELTA EDUCATION COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday Nov 8, 2016 (9 am to 12 Noon)
Video Conference Meeting

Present:	Lesla Semmler Janelle Wainman Lorna Storr Robert Charlie Evelyn Storr Maureen Pokiak Denise Firth Helen Kitekudlak Gilbert Thrasher Sr. Anna-May McLeod	BDEC Chair Inuvik Vice Chair Aklavik Chair GTC Representative IRC Representative Tuktoyaktuk Chair Fort McPherson Representative Ulukhaktok Vice Chair Paulatuk Chair Tsiigehtchic Chair
Staff:	Chris Gilmour Frank Galway Gary McBride Adam Wright Gene Jenks Theresa Hartley Tara Gilmour Lorna Jones-Martin Michael Reardon	Acting Superintendent Acting Supervisor of Schools Comptroller Math/Science Consultant Info Systems and Tech/eLearning Inclusive Schooling Consultant Data Analyst Powerschool/ Student Consultant LAN Administrator
Regrets:	Julie Donohue	Literacy Consultant
Recorder:	Sheila Nasogaluak	Public Affairs Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 9: 04 am. The opening prayer was conducted by Ulukhaktok Vice Chairperson.

2. Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round table of introductions were done.

3. Review/Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed by all present and there were two additions requested by Tsiigehtchic Chair. These will be added under Agenda Item # 12 a) Self Govt and Minister Invitation.

The Chair noted also that agenda item # 11 b should be under Old Business. There were no objections to the additions and change of order for Old Business.

Motion # 2016-11-08-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted with the additions of Self Government and Minister Invitation be added to New Business and also that the item 11 b be moved to Old Business as 12 f.

Paulatuk/Ulukhaktok **Carried.**

4. Statement – Conflict of Interest

As and when.

5. Review/Approval of Regular & Special Council Meeting Draft Minutes

a. June 20 2016 – Video Conference

DEC Trustees reviewed the minutes and there were questions from the Tsiigehtchic Trustee on why the budget was presented in detail to the Executive Committee on June 16 2016 and not to the full board when they had their regular meeting on June 20 2016.

b) Tsiigehtchic Trustee asked that they get training from BDEC finance department on how to read financial statements.

Motion # 2016-11-08-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of June 20 2016 regular meeting be accepted as presented.

Tuktoyaktuk/Inuvik **Carried.**

October 06, 2016 – Special Meeting

There were no questions on this Special Meeting that was held to approve the audit for 2015-16 fiscal year.

Motion # 2016-11-08-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of October 06 2016 Special Meeting be accepted as presented.

IRC/Paulatuk **Carried.**

6. Review/Approval of Executive Committee Draft Minutes

a. June 16 2016 – Executive Meeting (In person)

DEC Trustee questioned why the detailed budget was presented only to the Executive Committee and not to the full board who met a few days later.

Motion # 2016-11-08-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of June 16, 2016 Executive Meeting be accepted as presented.

Tuktoyaktuk/Aklavik **Carried.**

7. Administrative Reports

a. **Acting Superintendent of Schools – Chris Gilmour**

Reported on administration of BDEC, conferences and long term goals related to the Strategic Plan. Attendance is a concern across all schools in the Beaufort Delta. BDEC continues to meet regularly with IRC and GTC to ensure pooled resources are used efficiently. The full report can be viewed in the November 8 2016 digital binder. Comments on the report were as follows:

- Regarding the chart on page 4 of report – there is no reflection of the success stories of students who used to have poor attendance and no have turned that around.
- The 74% pass rate is general and not by school(s)
- In reference to bullet 5 of the report, questions were raised whether the counsellors who come up to the schools (federally funded program) work with the staff who are in place already. The answer was yes they do work with staff and the community and also do a follow up visit. At this time the issue of confidentiality is still being worked on and how to share information without jeopardizing the students privacy.
- IRC rep suggested that an introductory letter be circulated informing groups of the change in leadership at BDEC since the departure of the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent as this is the first time she is aware of this change. This will be done within the week.
- IRC rep noted that the numbers of students at the end of the first month of school is great for budget matters but so are the other months.

b. Supervisor of Schools – Frank Galway

Acting as Supervisor of Schools since end of August. Since that time there has been a lot of concentration on hiring and getting teachers and EA's hired. This year, a total of 37 NWTTA competitions were run and all but one of them has been filled.

Will be working closely with the Inclusive Schooling Consultant to implement the accountability framework on Inclusive Schooling to fulfill the ECE directive. There were other items on the Supervisor of Schools report and can be viewed in the November 8 2016 digital binder.

c. Comptroller – Gary McBride

2015-16 Audit started July 25th, scheduled for one week field work.

Status: Final audited statements delayed due to waiting for the Actuarial Valuation of paid leave time. Information was provided late by the Comptroller General's office and lacking detail for a proper review. In discussion with ECE, the Actuarial Valuation entry was made to the Financial Statements without appropriate justification. The detailed Actuarial Valuation was received October 28, 2016 from the Comptroller's Office. Audited Financial Statements were approved at a Special Board Meeting October 7, 2016. There were other items on the Comptroller report, this can be viewed in the November 8 2016 digital binder.

8. DEA Community/School/Aboriginal Partner Reports

- a. **Aklavik** – report was late and not included in the digital binder.

The Chair apologized for not getting the report on time and noted they are in midst of hiring a school secretary. A question was posed to the Administrators of BDEC on whether or not it is safe to bring out students on a open boat 16 foot Lund. This to be reviewed and BDEC will respond to the Aklavik DEA.

- b. **Fort McPherson** – report was late and not included in the digital binder.

The representative noted the resignation of the past Chair Tena Blake and that the Interim Chair is travelling. DEA representative noted that she did the best she could with the report for presentation to this meeting. There are two UNW positions to post, the custodian position and the Education Assistant. Supervisor of Schools will assist with the hiring process.

- c. **Inuvik** – report was late and not included in the digital binder.

The IDEA representative spoke to the report in general and requested that the casual hire process be streamlined. The Superintendent noted that he will note this down for discussion for his monthly meeting with Human Resources Superintendent.

- d. **Paulatuk** – report received and can be viewed in the digital binder.

The Superintendent will attend their AGM via teleconference on November 8th evening.

- e. **Sachs Harbour** – No report submitted, Chair not in attendance.

- f. **Tsiigehtchic** – report submitted and can be viewed in the digital binder.

Issues that were brought to the table were ongoing in nature.

- follow up of lock down procedures and when will PWS address the number of windows at the school.
- The DEA does not get much attention during election as candidates know that the honoraria is much less that what other boards pay. If there was a change to the Education Act and the amount payable then DEA's would have 'top' candidates.
- Suggested that DEA election of members not be staggered but all same.
- Would like the process of getting grade 10 in Tsiigehtchic, this will be put on the table for BDEC consideration.
- Requested an in camera session.

- g. **Tuktoyaktuk** – report submitted and can be viewed in the digital binder.

- Tuk DEA Annual General Meeting is next week and the school calendar for 2017-18 school year will be discussed so that late starts and finishes to the school year can be addressed.
- With the retirement of a community teacher, there is no housing available at this time if a teacher were hired to fill the Grade 2 position. The Superintendent noted that this is an issue not only in Tuk but in other communities where resident teachers are retiring or moving.
- Bussing is an ongoing matter and at this point, the DEA will be out of funds by January 2017.
- Would like more information on possibility of providing Grade 13 at the community level.

- h. **Ulukhaktok** – report submitted and can be viewed in the digital binder.

- Has similar concerns as the Tsiigehtchic DEA with the amount of honoraria paid to the DEA members.
- The heat in the school fluctuates throughout the building, this matter to be brought up to Public Works and Services monthly meeting that BDEC has with them.

- The honoraria paid for the June 2016 regular meeting was less than what the Chair would have received had she gone to work. This matter is resolved and there was a misinterpretation of the policy. This matter has been rectified by BDEC finance department.
- i. **Gwich'in Tribal Council** – report submitted and can be viewed in the digital binder.
- j. **Inuvialuit Regional Corporation** – report submitted and can be viewed in the digital binder.

9. Correspondence

- a) ECE Minister Moses re: 2016-17 Budget
- b) ECE Minister Moses re: Invitation to Minister & Chair meeting in Yellowknife
- c) ECE Minister Moses re: Junior Kindergarten. Comments on this letter were:
 - The questions that are outstanding is whether there will be a line funding along side the implementation plans to have JK in each school. This matter will be on the board for the Minister/Chair meeting coming up in December.
 - The IRC hopes that a commitment will be made next month at the Minister and School Board Chair Meetings in Yellowknife.
 - GTC commented that BDEC is financially funding the JK and at the same time fulfilling a directive of ECE.
- d) Tuk DEA letter to MLA Nakimayak re: extensions and renovations requested by Tuk DEA and if these are in the capital plan.
- e) BDEC letter to DOT re: bussing in Ulukhaktok, Sachs Harbour and Paulatuk
- f) BDEC support letter for swim program at the MSRC in Inuvik.
- g) Globe and Mail news article re: Data Revolution
- h) Trustee resignations – Fort McPherson and Sachs Harbour

10. Additional Information

There was no additional business or information that was not addressed.

11. Old Business

- a) Northwestel Issues with internet
The issues with NWTel and the intermittent service is having an impact on student in the schools of Tuk, Paulatuk and Ulukhaktok. The board decided that a letter has to be written to NWTel board of directors outlining the ongoing issues with them and the impact the interruptions in service is having on the schools.

Motion # 2016-11-08-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council write NorthwesTel noting all down times they have had in Paulatuk, Ulukhaktok and Tuktoyaktuk.

Tuktoyaktuk/Paulatuk

Carried.

- b) DEA meeting dates for updating BDEC Website
Each DEA will be requested to set regular meeting dates for the full year. These dates will then be posted on the BDEC website. A copy of this directive will be sent to all DEA's.

12. New Business

- a) 2016-17 DEA Spending Policies - Gary McBride

The Comptroller updated the DEA's that the DEA's have to follow the FAM policies in regards to how they spend the dollars they are funded for. As an example, funds cannot be used to purchase gifts for persons who are not registered in school etc. A copy of this directive will be sent to all DEA's.

b) 3rd Final Reading of Policy B.04

Discussion surrounded the removal of wording on Bullet 7. There was unanimous consent that the phrase be deleted;. **excepting at large representatives from the Gwich'in Tribal Council and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.**

Motion # 2016-11-08-06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 3rd and final reading of Policy B.04 Election of Council Executive Members be hereby adopted as amended.

Tuktoyaktuk/Inuvik

Carried.

13. Program Reports (Not reporting in Person)

- a. Math/Science Consultant - In digital meeting binder for reading.
- b. Inclusive Schooling/Student Support Consultant - In digital meeting binder for reading.
- c. Power School and Student Reporting Consultant - In digital meeting binder for reading.
- d. LAN Administrator - In digital meeting binder for reading.
- e. Literacy Consultant – Excused
- f. Information Systems & Tech Consultant - In digital meeting binder for reading.

Comments/questions on this report:

- GTC is requesting statistics on grades, grade levels of graduates. This is in regards to the question that keeps coming up on why do graduates need to upgrade after finishing Grade 12 or why are they not academically prepared to enter college after graduating without taking the Aurora College Access Program.

- g. Data Consultant - In digital meeting binder for reading.

14. In Camera

The regular meeting was closed at 11:53 am and the board made a motion to go into overtime to discuss matters in camera.

Motion # 2016-11-08-07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council go into overtime at 11:54 am.

Tuktoyaktuk/Aklavik

Carried.

Motion # 2016-11-08-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council go in to an in-camera session at 11:54 am.

Tsiigehtchic/Tuktoyaktuk

Carried.

Motion # 2016-11-08-09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council come out of the in-camera session at 12:07 pm.

GTC/Inuvik

Carried.

GTC/Inuvik

Carried.

15. Date of next Meeting / Adjournment

The date for the next meeting will be in February 2017, date to be determined by the Executive Committee.



Chris Gilmour, A/Superintendent

Motion # 2017-02-08-01

Motion Approval



Lesa Semmler, Chairperson



Sheila Nasogaluak, Recorder