



BEAUFORT DELTA EDUCATION COUNCIL

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

MINUTES BDEC DEC Teleconference OR Video Conference BDEC Boardroom June 01 2017 9 am to 4 pm

Present:	Rebecca Blake	-	Chair - Fort McPherson
	Gilbert Thrasher	-	Vice Chair – Paulatuk Chair
	Darlene Gruben	-	Member at Large – Tuk Chair
	Lorna Storr	-	Aklavik Chair
	Lesa Semmler	-	Inuvik Chair
	Denise Firth	-	Fort McPherson Vice Chair
	Joanne Ogina	-	Ulukhaktok Chair
	Lucy Kuptana	-	IRC Representative
Staff:	Chris Gilmour	-	Superintendent
	Frank Galway	-	Acting Supervisor of Schools
	Gary McBride	-	Comptroller
	Lorna Jones-Martin	-	Powerschool Coordinator
	Tara Gilmour	-	Data Analyst
	Theresa Hartley	-	Inclusive Schooling Consultant
	Eugene Jenks	-	Information Systems and Technology
Recorder	Sheila Nasogaluak	-	Public Affairs Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am by Chair Rebecca Blake. The meeting opened with a prayer by the Chairperson.

2. Review/Approval of Agenda

Additions to the agenda are to insert the following and adjust agenda numbered items accordingly.

Delete

9. Operating plan and move under 4. Administrative Reports as:
4.4 Operating Plan

Insert In Camera as Agenda Item #9

Motion # 2017-06-01-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular District Education Meeting be accepted with changes.

Inuvik/Ulukhaktok Carried.

3. Minutes

Regular - February 8 & 9 DEC Meeting

Update minutes to include Lorna Storr – Aklavik Chairperson and Rita Arey and Theresa Hartley as BDEC staff.

Motion # 2017-06-01-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular District Education Council Meeting of February 8 & 9 2017 be accepted with insertion of attendees, Lorna Storr, Rita Arey and Theresa Hartley.

Inuvik/Ulukhaktok

Carried

Executive – March 16, 2017

Comments:

DEA Chairs did not receive an email to requesting their input to for the April Minister/Chair meetings. The Chair apologized and will ensure that an email will be circulated to the DEC Chairpersons for the next scheduled Superintendent/Chair meetings.

Motion # 2017-06-01-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive Meeting of March 16, 2017 be accepted as presented.

Paulatuk/Tuktoyaktuk

Carried

Executive – April 26, 2017

A request for clarification on how honoraria is paid for completed job interviews/hiring. The Superintendent explained the hiring process and the inconsistencies from DEA to DEA on how payment for time was calculated. The executive committee agreed that a set amount should be paid only for completed job competition (hired) and forms sent to BDEC for verification.

Ulukhaktok requested an explanation on how bussing funding is decided upon for each community. The Superintendent explained the formula and how it is divided up between DEA's.

Ulukhaktok also requested what dollar amount is given for bussing in Ulukhaktok. The Superintendent will send that info to her in an email.

Motion # 2017-06-01-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive Meeting of April 26, 2017 be hereby accepted as presented.

Paulatuk/Tuktoyaktuk

Carried

Executive – May 18, 2017

IRC member requested a point of clarification on her comments, she noted that she asked the comptroller what other program funding was available and not specifically the French Program funding. Clarification to be amended in minutes of May 18, 2017.

Clarification on how EA's position are decided upon. Superintendent Gilmour explained how dollars from Inclusive Schooling funds the EA's for students based on needs. If positions were

indeterminate then it would tie up the dollars and may not meet needs of students and staffing in certain schools and this has happened.

Motion # 2017-06-01-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Executive Meeting of May 18, 2017 be hereby accepted with noted clarification to minutes as per Inuvialuit Regional Council Trustee.

IRC/ Paulatuk

Carried

4. Administrative Reports – 9:10 to 10:15

4.1 Superintendent of Schools – Presented and no questions.

4.2 Acting Supervisor of Schools – Presented

Question/Comments.

Shared Teacher/Sachs and Tsiigehtchic

How will this work with logistics ie: travel with the ferry and the scheduled flights to travel between Sachs and Tsiigehtchic? IRC is of the opinion that the teacher who will be supporting Sachs and Tsii will spend a lot of times at airports.

Supervisor of Schools explained that the numbers of students in both schools do not qualify for a full time teacher. With the shared teacher arrangement, the PST in both Sachs and Tsiigehtchic can work with their students one on one.

Aklavik – can the eLearning teacher go into the communities and vice versa. Mr. Jenks replied that travel will done to the community.

4.3 Comptroller

Inuvik asked if the Operating Plan (OP) is replacing the previous BDEC Strategic Plan 2014-2017? Do we as a Council need to form a working group to go thru the OP to ensure we follow the three pillars? Is this in the works for the fall in-service?

Inuvik

Under student health and wellness BDEC works with department of health in program delivery. Will there be a partnership with HSS who do health programming in school?

Excellent point, nurses were not on list but they will be added to listing for fall 2017 in service.

Ulukhaktok

The CHR and family and youth counsellor also work out of the health centre and deliver health programming to the school students. Advised BDEC to contact the Nurse In Charge and the Community Counsellor about what school/health programs are offered in Ulukhaktok.

Inuvik

Q: In regards to previous purchases by BDEC for literacy. Will there be dollars in budget to purchase the Stepping Pp component?

A: In the long term it would be beneficial to purchase the program.

Comment: LLI this addresses grades 6 to help alleviate reading struggles for students

Q: Is there any intention of purchasing the resource?.

A: In the long term the program is beneficial, however no purchases are planned before Dec of 2017

Q: For the East Three School aboriginal language specialist position, is this position at 2.25?.

A: Supervisor of Schools explained where the .25 is funded from.

Q: Still confused as to how the wellness counsellors are funded under Inclusive Schooling. Where in the budget do the dollars come out of?

A: Inuvik DEA advised to contact the BDEC Comptroller for a detailed budget presentation and how IS dollars fund specific positions within the schools.

Q: Are we going to run a deficit and what percentage?

A: ECE didn't pass a policy yet, but BDEC projected for a 7% deficit. At this point, BDEC is slightly above that and have held back funding and at this point and do not plan to spend just because we have the dollars.

Q: Can you explain how special and sick leave are accounted for financially.

A: Comptroller explained how the sick and special leave are accounted for.

Q: Inuvik has taken a big decrease in bussing, how are dollars for bussing being calculated now with the implementation of Junior Kindergarten? Do we know this?

A: BDEC is not a 100% certain on or if dollars will flow down with the implementation of JK. A submission to the Minister on this matter and to date BDEC has not heard back on this.

Q: Who will ensure the safety of the JK students when they get off the bus and into the schools?

A: SAFE ARRIVALS for all students is paramount when the parents drop off their child at school whether they be in jk or other grades, we do need to make sure everyone is okay.

Comment: Inuvik DEA is addressing the traffic around the school and safety of the 4 year olds arrivals. Bussing is a bigger issue here in Inuvik and we are requesting a proper budget to provide proper bussing service.

Motion # 2017-06-01-06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DEC approves the 2017-18 operating plan as presented with amendments of correct election dates, committee members, furthermore that the correction of the acronym ISR be changed to IRC.

Ulukhaktok/Aklavik

Carried.

The meeting will reconvene at 1 pm.

5. DEA Reports

Aklavik

Good turnout at AGM about 50 people. Thanked BDEC for Feb meeting, very informative. Has questions for Frank after this meeting. Hard to get people on DEA in communities. Would like to know process on how to address issues such as parking, bathroom space, counsellor in school.

Q: Would it be feasible to have a counsellor on a rotation basis?

A: Small schools have a federal government counsellor that go into schools twice a year.

Comment: The counsellors worked very well with teachers and reporting has been completed for schools that were visited.

Question on what is the timeline for Aklavik getting a new school?

Will there be a full time phys ed teacher hired for MKS?

BDEC Comments on AK DEA report.

- BDEC will advise PWS to follow up on the washrooms in the school.
- A high school diploma does not get anyone into university. It is the courses that are taken in high school that lead to a career in nursing etc.

Ulu DEA

- Increase in school attendance, incentives are done each month.
- Concern is about the late start of the school year, this is trying to get in line with other schools
- Ulukhaktok representative had to leave early due to a search and rescue being planned as she is the coordinator.

Comment: Congratulation to students at HKS for attendance and to the successful students in the eLearning program.

Inuvik DEA

- Operating challenges ie: who gets rid of the dead trees on the playground. This matter to be addressed by the Superintendent at the monthly public works meeting.
- communication lapses in hiring, budgets, and who is running the helm. DEA requested a communication plan for how the flow of information is shared down the line to DEA. It is hoped that this suggestion will be started n the new school year.
- Hope to have a draft budget by February of each calendar year. Suggested that a template be provided by finance so that each DEA can fill in projected dollars in correct categories.
- Community concerns are JK safety issues ie: safe arrival. Lesa is willing to be a part of planning team on this issue.
- Community concern – lunch program available as long as parents are there at the school.
- Action item for BDEC to clarify hiring policy and practices to see that they are compliant with HRM. Schedule meeting in the next week.
- Inuvialuktun Immersion will no longer be offering this immersion class.

BDEC comments:

- No approved calendars at this moment for any school. As soon as they are approved from ECE they will be posted on BDEC website.
- Will set up meeting to clarify processes of hiring, IDEA member suggested ECE be a part of the meeting.
- Meet with E3E VP and start organizing safety of JK students.

Paulatuk DEA

- The grad date has to be changed for now, possibly June 20th as the grad decorations etc have not arrived. Confirmed dates to be sent to BDEC by Paulatuk DEA.

- Lost a staff member mid year, board member was not comfortable having an EA and the teacher should be allowed to finish off the school year.
- What is the status on the Superintendent position? Is this position hired by BDEC or is it a GNWT hire?

Chris comments:

- Available to attend the Paulatuk grad on June 20th.
- Agree with consistency in staffing and this should be year round.

Tuk DEA

- Board training, no date set but would like this as soon as possible. Meeting should not run as long as they do.
- Completed Boys to Men and Girls to Women for the school year and have applied again.
- Asked other DEA's on pointers of where to access other funding for programs.
- Lice and nit issues would like to know if there is policy on this issue. If no policy then BDEC should develop one.
- Housing for new teachers will be an issue

BDEC

- Board training is available thru ECE, send the dates to the Superintendent. This option is available for all DEA's.
- Lice policy and inquire of other schools how they deal with this issue
- In letters BDEC has addressed this in a letter with Inuvik District Housing, this concern comes up every year.

Fort McPherson

- Apologized for no report in binder
- Asked about indeterminate vs term positions at CJS and how this affects programming and budget.
- Working with abo head start to plan JK and will look at 2017-18 budget
- Successes: a lot of students travelling, hosted the winter program, student spent some time in Costa Rica.
- Trying to set up attendance committee and get right down to heart of the matter

6. Principal Reports

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| 6.1 Principal Reid | 6.5 Principal Cudmore |
| 6.2 Principal Illasiak | 6.6 Principal Planetta |
| 6.3 Principal Snowshoe-Peterson | 6.7 Principal McKinnon |
| 6.4 Principal Gregory | 5.8 Principal Bibby |

7. Program Reports

- 7.1 LAN Manager – Michael Reardon
- 7.2 Powerschool Coordinator – Lorna Jones-Martin
- 7.3 Data Analyst – Tara Gilmour
- 7.4 Teacher Consultant/Literacy Coordinator – Julie Donohue
- 7.5 Program Consultant Math/Science – Adam Wright

- 7.6 Student Support/Inclusive Schooling Consultant – Theresa Hartley
7.7 Information Systems and Technology – Gene Jenks

Inuvik

Q: Is there a follow up report from Inclusive Schooling available for DEA's??

A: Questions can be directed to the PST teachers for that type of information requests.

Q: How many student in the Beau delta are on student support plans?

A: 621 students are on support plans.

8. Correspondence

- BDEC was not cc's on the response regarding social passing letter from IRC. The IRC member assured the DEC that she will share the response with DEA's.

Verbal update on Minister Chair meetings/DEC Chairperson

- The biggest outcome of that meeting was the presentation from Lyla Erasmus on Mental Health. Students come to school with this issue and teachers are not trained to deal with students who are attending school with mental health issues.
- Did not sign letter on proposed Roles and Responsibilities of DEA's. DEA's need to be free to say what they need to say and not be muzzled.
- Letter will be circulated and sent in to ECE on why letter is not signed, this letter to be written by the Superintendent.

Motion # 2017-06-01-07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Superintendent write ECE requesting clarity on how to deal with issues regarding mental health of students who are in the schools.

Tuktoyaktuk/Inuvik

Carried.

9. In Camera

Motion # 2017-06-01-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting go in-camera.

Inuvik/Fort McPherson

Carried.

Motion # 2017-06-01-09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting come out of the in-camera.

Inuvik/Aklavik

Carried.

10. Date for Next Meeting

A suggestion was put forth by the executive committee to have a face to face meeting in April when the budget comes out.

October 11 or 12 will be the next DEC video conference meeting.

September special meeting date tentative will be: Sept 21st to pass the audited statements.

Inuvik: Does the DEC Election have to be held at the February in person meeting and can this be changed to June?

11. Adjournment

There was no further business for the board to conduct.

Motion # 2017-06-01-10

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 01, 2017 District Education Council video conferencing meeting be hereby adjourned.

IRC/Tuktoyaktuk

Carried.



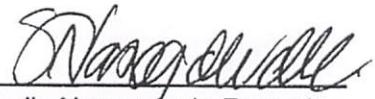
Chris Gilmour, Superintendent

2017-10-11-02

Motion Approving Minutes



Rebecca Blake, Chairperson



Sheila Nasogaquak, Recorder