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COALITION OF NUNAVUT DEAS TELECONFERENCE DECEMBER 11, 2007 MINUTES

Executive Present: Jeeteeta Merkosak Chairperson

Simon Kuliktana Jake Ikperiar Johnny Kootook Jesse Idlout Lori Idlout

Alice Ladner – Executive Director Katherine Trumper - Researcher

Teleconference started at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Review of Agenda

No additions or changes requested.

The meeting began with a discussion of replacing Bernard, as he is no longer a member of the DEA. It was suggested that Alice check with the Vice-chair and see if they would like to replace Bernard with their new Chairperson.

Full-time Executive Director

The Coalition will check with GN to find out if we are required to advertise the Executive Director Position, or if our part-time Executive Director can move into the full-time position. The Coalition will prepare a job description, and research the salary base for this position. Alice Ladner, the part-time executive director will be hired as Interim Executive Director until the end of June, at which time the Coalition will have information on whether the position needs to be advertised.

Motion 11-12-07-01 that Alice Ladner be hired as full-time interim Executive Director until the end of June, 2008.

PASSED

Moved by: Simon Kuliktana Seconded by: Johnny Kootook

Coalition Logo

An advertisement for the Logo Contest will be sent to all the DEAs with a request to post them in their communities. Alice will check with First Air and Canadian North for the donation of a ticket for the winner.

Coaltion Comments on Bill 21

Jeeteeta requested the members of the Coalition send copies to their DEAs and ask them to send any comments to the Coalition. Jake Ikeperiar of Hall Beach will be discussing it tomorrow with their DEA. Simon Kuliktana of Kugluktuk has read some of Bill 21 and will be

taking it to his DEA for feedback. He will send it to us in the new year. He hasn't received any information from the Standing Committee as to when submissions are required. Lori Idlout of Iqaluit said she had read in the paper that input is requested to be in by January 11, 2008. Jeeteeta said she will read it over and prepare some comments. Jesse Idlout, with Nunavut Disabilities Society, stated he wanted the Coalition to support inclusive schooling in a new Education Act.

Katherine Trumper suggested the Coalition begin preparing a presentation for Jeeteeta to take before the Standing Committee. She heard from NTI that they had some concerns with some parts of the legislation and NTI is preparing comments for the Standing Committee.

Everyone agreed that Jeeteeta and Alice should go before the Standing Committee with a presentation on where the Coalition stands on Bill 21.

Research Project

Part of the money the Coalition received from Agriculture Canada was to search out research partners and do research within the communities. There is some funding available from the University of P.E.I. to plan meetings across Nunavut between DEAs and parents to discuss ways to improve relations between the schools and parents. Kathy Okpik, the Deputy Minister of Education and Navarana Beveridge from NTI were both very enthusiastic about it. There is a possibility of planning meetings in January or February.

Goals

The Coalition executive members discussed what they believed some of the goals of the Coalition should be. The members noted some of the problems DEAs across Nunavut were having:

Discipline issues

Staffing issues

DEA staff training, especially when considering discipline of school staff and the DEA is required to make recommendations

Developing alternative programs – will there be money available?

Children with disabilities - Coalition will need information and training in this area

The members felt at least one face-to-face meeting was needed to discuss the Goals for the next year. Alice will check out the costs for the executive members to meet in Kugluktuk. She will also get information on how Hamlet Staff Training is carried out.

Executive Director Pay Scale

Alice will do some research on what Executive Directors are paid in Nunavut and send the information on to Jeeteeta and Katherine to aid in determining the pay for a full-time executive director.

Teleconference ended at 4:12 p.m.

Date	Chairperson
Date	Office Administrator