

Bilingual Education Strategy.

- Coalition examined issues on Education Act from the perspective of GN & NTI.
- An update letter was sent to all MLAs and DEAs.
- Coalition has written DOE requesting that a meeting of all DEAs be held preferably before summer 2007. The meeting of all DEAs will allow Coalition to hold an AGM and update DEAs on the work of the Coalition.
- A letter was written to all DEAs requesting \$500 to support the work of the Coalition. Only six of the 26 DEAs have paid the \$500.00 which the Coalition has requested for membership.

3. Sivuniksaliurijit - Paving the Way Forward for a Parents Voice in Nunavut Education

The Coalition has prepared a draft document – Sivuniksaliurijit: Paving the Way Forward for a Parents Voice in Nunavut Education – which will be sent out to all DEAs so they know what the Coalition is doing. The document can also be sent to any DEA that calls or e-mails with questions about the purpose of the Coalition. Executive members should provide comments or recommended changes to Alice this week. Once the document is finished and approved, it will be translated and sent to all the DEAs. A letter will be included stating that any of the communities who wish to do so may translate the document into their own dialect.

4. Coalition Communications Strategy

The Coalition is now in a position to prepare a newsletter, website other communication tools to reach out to all the DEAs across Nunavut. The Executive felt that a newsletter is the best method of communicating with all the DEAs. Jeeteetah and Dino will do a radio show in the next two weeks to help explain the Coalition to all the communities. Alice will contact CBC to make arrangements.

5. Inuit Language Protection Act

The Bill has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly. Members of the Legislative Standing Committee will be visiting some Nunavut communities to seek comments on the Bill. They will be in Pond Inlet tomorrow (Wednesday, April 11). Jeeteetah has been invited to attend the meeting. NTI has advised the Coalition of their concerns over the education provisions that are in the Bill, and has asked the Coalition to raise concerns on Inuit Language Education during consultations. A copy of the consultation schedule and NTI concerns will be sent out to the Executive tomorrow.

Other Business – Replacements for Ron Tologanak and John Illupalik

The members were asked to e-mail suggestions they have for replacements for Ron Tologanak and John Illupalik as they have resigned from the Coalition.

It was agreed that all documentation discussed in this teleconference would be mailed to Jesse Idlout as he is not presently connected to the internet.

Meeting finished at 4:30 p.m.

Date

Chairperson

Date

Office Administrator