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COALITION OF NUNAVUT DEAS TELECONFERENCE JULY 2, 2008 MINUTES

Executive Present:

Jeeteeta Merkosak Chairperson Simon Kuliktana Jake Ikperiar Lori Idlout Chantal Maley Alice Ladner – Executive Director

Teleconference started at 3:03 p.m. Eastern Time

Purpose

The teleconference was set up to discuss plans for the AGM.

Date of AGM:

The Coalition directors suggested the date of Saturday and Sunday, September 27-28, 2008 for the AGM. That would allow Thursday and Friday for flying in, and Monday and Tuesday for returning to communities.

The Executive Director was asked to notify all DEA chairs of the planned date and see if the majority are in agreement. NTI will also be invited to attend the AGM. The executive director will send an invitation to NTI.

Some of the Coalition directors would like to hold the AGM in a community other than Iqaluit. However, knowing that the Minister has asked for some time during the AGM to talk to the DEA Chairs, and if the DoE is paying the costs, the Directors suggested that the executive director speak to the Minister on where the meeting could be held.

The Directors also suggested that the hotels and airlines be booked early as many people are travelling in September.

The Coalition will cover the costs of snacks during the meetings, and one dinner, which the Minister and his staff will be invited to attend.

If anyone has any other ideas, or suggestions for the AGM, they will e-mail them to Alice.

FUNDING FROM DoE

The Executive Director informed the Directors that a contract for funding the Coalition had been received from the Department of Education. The contract was for \$24,500.00 to run from July 20, 2008 to March 31, 2009. The Coalition realizes this is not enough money to keep the Coalition functioning until March 31, 2009. They requested that the executive director prepare a

budget for the year and send it, along with a letter, to the Minister of Education. The executive director will try to meet with the Minister to discuss the budget. However, if he is unavailable, the letter will be sent to him at once. The Coalition will not sign the contract until they have heard from the Minister.

ITEMS TO GO ON AGM AGENDA

The Directors discussed the items to go on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting:

Changes to the By-Laws: The number of directors; the membership fees; and terms for the members will be discussed.

Training and Development Session: A curriculum development representative from Arviat will be invited to attend the AGM. This representative will inform the DEA Chairs on the development and distribution of Inuktitut curriculum and answer any questions DEAs may have.

DEA Liability re: hiring and firing of teachers and principals. A representative from DoE will be invited to attend the AGM to explain how liability works concerning the cancelling of contracts, and/or firing of school staff.

Some members of Kivalliq understood that DEAs were responsible for the allocation of housing to school staff. The executive director will enquire from the Department of Education if this is correct. If it is, this will be put on the Agenda as an item. If not, the Kivalliq DEAs will be informed.

HONORARIA

A short discussion took place on whether the members wanted taxes deducted from their honoraria. Everyone stated they would like it taken off.

GOALS AND PRIORITIES

The Goals and Priorities for 2008-2009 will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

JOB DESCRIPTION AND JOB AD FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The executive director prepared a job description for the Executive Director position, and a job advertisement. The Coalition had decided in January that the position should be advertised to ensure the general public, and our funders, recognized that the Coalition was following the rules and regulations in running a Society. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be the hiring committee, with Lori Idlout as back-up if someone is not available for the interviews. Human Resources for GN, or Katherine Trumper, will be contacted for interview questions. Alice will forward all applications on to Jeeteeta without opening them. A date for the competition will be set in September

The meeting finished at 4:24

Date

Chairperson

Date

Office Administrator