

ELECTIONS OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND TREASURER

The By-laws state that a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer be selected at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. As the Executive Director performs the duties of the Secretary, no election for a Secretary was necessary. Elections were held for Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Treasurer.

Motion 02-12-08-03 that nominations for Chairperson be opened

Moved by: Phillip Evaglok

Seconded by: Lori Idlout

PASSED

Nominations for Chairperson:

Johnny Kootook

Jeeteeta Merkosak

Motion 02-12-08-04 that nominations for Chairperson be closed.

Moved by: Phillip Evaglok

Seconded by: Lori Idlout

PASSED

Nominations for Vice-Chairperson:

Jeeteeta Merkosak

Motion 02-12-08-05 that nominations for Vice-Chairperson be closed.

Moved by: Lori Idlout

Seconded by: Johnny Kootook

PASSED

Nominations for Treasurer:

Lori Idlout

Motion 02-12-08-06 that nominations for Treasurer be closed.

Moved by: Phillip Evaglok

Seconded by: Lori Idlout

PASSED

Johnny Kootook was elected as Chairperson

Jeeteeta Merkosak was acclaimed Vice-Chairperson

Lori Idlout was acclaimed Treasurer

UPDATE:

RESEARCH PROJECT

The Coalition executive reviewed the information on the Sivuniksaliurjiit – Paving the Way Project which is aimed at improving educational outcomes in Nunavut through community engagement and parent involvement. The members were pleased to see that Masters of Education graduates would be speaking at the Knowledge Exchange Symposium which is planned as part of the project. They are happy to hear the project is moving forward and requested that the Executive Director keep them updated.

PILOT PROJECT

The Coalition Executive reviewed the information prepared for them by the Executive Director. As a result of the Coalition's application to The National Crime Prevention Centre (NCPC) for funding to help with students across Nunavut who are at risk of failing or dropping out of high school, the NCPC has asked the Coalition to apply for funding to incorporate a Leadership Resiliency Pilot Program that could be put in place in 5 or 6

communities in Nunavut. The Coalition must choose the communities that will be participating in this Program. The executive members discussed which communities would be recommended for the project. The Executive Director will send out information on the project to all the DEAs in Nunavut and request a response from any community which would be interested in being part of the project. The decision will be based on criteria such as the number of Middle and High School students in the community responding; the number of problems that community's school(s) have; and the number of drop-outs in that community's school(s).

COALITION AGM MINUTES

Copies of the September 27-28, 2008 AGM Minutes were inadvertently left out of the Agenda package. It was decided that a copy of the Minutes would be e-mailed to all executive members for their review.

COALITION BUDGET FOR 2009-2010

The Executive Director reviewed the budget with the members and answered any questions. Once the budget is approved, the Executive Director will begin advertising for another Staff Person.

Motion 02-12-08-07 that the Coalition budget for 2009-2010 be approved with change: The line item for Policy Research be increased from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

Moved by: Lori Idlout

Seconded by: Phillip Evaglok

PASSED

MEMBERSHIP FEES

A letter of request for the membership fee of \$100.00 per DEA will be sent out with the next Suvaguuq Newsletter.

7:45 p.m. – Meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning (Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008)

9:00 a.m. – Meeting resumed

COALITION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2009

The following Goals were set for 2009:

1. Improve Communication between Communities
2. Increase Student Attendance
3. Ensure DEAs meet level of authority as stipulated by the Education Act
4. IQ in curriculum
5. Coalition input into the Regulations in the Education Act
6. Improve School Maintenance

The Executive Director will prepare a policy for the Coalition's Goals and Objectives and present it for approval at our January 2009 meeting.

COALITION LOGO

The Executive Director reported that both airlines had turned down our request for free tickets for the Logo Contest. The Contest will be announced to all DEAs in our newsletter, with a \$500.00 prize for the winning Logo. The DEAs will be asked to post the advertisement in their community.

COALITION POLICIES

The Executive Director will prepare a policy on Executive Meetings which will be presented at the January 2009 meeting for review.

DEA Steering Committee

The Coalition executive members read the letter from Kathy Okpik, DM of Education, concerning the DEA Steering Committee. A letter will be sent to the DoE agreeing to have the DEA Steering Committee function as a sub-committee of the Coalition.

COALITION NEWSLETTER

The executive members have requested a newsletter be prepared and sent out informing the DEAs of the outcomes of this meeting, giving them information about the funding projects that are in progress, working with Nunavut Teachers Association (NTA) on an Attendance Policy, an advertisement for the Logo Contest, and an information piece from Taloyoak DEA.

IQUALUIT DEA BUDGET ISSUE

Lori Idlout was informed that one of the Iqaluit Schools had a budget cut this year – even though each year the school has a significant increase in student population in January. The problem seems to be that the data on which school budgets are based is acquired from the school populations recorded in October, so the student increase that occurs each January at this school is never incorporated into their budget. The Coalition will discuss this issue with the Minister to reach a solution.

PLANNING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW EDUCATION ACT

The Coalition wants to be involved in the Department of Education (DoE) discussions with DEAs concerning the new Education Act. The Executive Director will put this on the Agenda of items to be discussed with the Minister.

The Executive Director spoke to the Executive Members about the dates for her holiday plans, which will be sometime between mid-April and early May. The Executive did not see any problem with these dates.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:43 a.m.

Date

Chairperson

Date

Office Administrator