

5. Draft Travel Policy

The draft travel policy was also sent to all members. This Policy suggestion originated from the Chair, with the idea that this practice will help the Nunavut economy and the preferred airline in the policy, Canadian North, is owned by the majority of Nunavut beneficiaries.

Kimmirut and Naujaat (Repulse Bay) are not serviced by Canadian North Airlines, but the Coalition discussed putting a policy in place that will encourage and guide their preference for the benefit of Nunavut. The other airlines also contribute considerable benefits in the form of donations and these issues have to be addressed before a policy can be adopted.

The Director of the Coalition of Nunavut DEAs will write letters to the airlines regarding donations and other beneficial measures and re-write the policy for further discussion.

6. Meeting with Kathy Okpik

- a. Kathy Okpik, Deputy Minister of Education, requested a copy of our presentation for the upcoming DoE conference, which will be presented by Johnny Kootook, the Chair. A copy was sent as per her request.
- b. Inuktitut Reference Guide: we were a bit worried that the Inuktitut version of the document may not be translated in time for this upcoming DoE conference.
- c. Baker Lake: the Baker Lake DEA had asked us how they could access funding for the school playground repairs and Alice had mentioned the request to Kathy. She stated that this issue is the responsibility of the RSO or the Department not the Coalition. However, the Coalition believes it is our responsibility to communicate to the Department what the communities' needs are. The role of the Coalition is to listen to the requests of the DEAs and try to ensure that they receive the information they are requesting.

7. Meeting with Murray Horn

The Director of the Corporate Services, Murray Horn and the Manager of Capital Planning, Barry Cornthwaite came to the office to review with the Coalition how the schools are served in the maintenance and strategic capital planning areas. Every year they (Capital Planning) will set aside some funds to be reserved for minor maintenance and projects: i.e. playground repairs, school equipment maintenance, minor building repairs and so forth. Their office will be sending people to do inspections and school appraisals soon, and they will be talking to the Hamlet Councils, DEAs and school staff once they get into the communities. Community needs are done based on the enrolment but it is apparent that most schools have overcrowded classrooms. The new schools being built will be equipped with devices used by special needs students and they hope these devices will eventually be installed in all schools. They also mentioned that they have to keep some funding for emergency purposes; eg. oil spills, bad smells and other student-threatening emergencies. Most of the maintenance and repairs plus capital planning are now being done by their department, in the past the Community and Government Services (CG&S) were involved in this procedure but it was creating some problems. The involvement of CG&S has now been eliminated and this will help to speed the remedy of school repairs. Some members stressed that when the CG&S was involved in the maintenance and repairs, some requests were not attended to for three years and sometimes they did not even come to some communities.

8. Monthly Financial Statements – June, July and August 2009.

Financial statements were sent to all the members to be reviewed. Questions: \$163,000 had been budgeted for salaries, is this for both employees and will it be enough? Yes it will be enough and if it is not enough we can always re-allocate from other budget lines that are not being used. Since the Coalition Executive is required to approve the financial statements on a monthly basis and the budget

for honorarium is \$5,000, will this be enough? It should be enough since the teleconference call costs are absorbed by the telephone budget. We can always re-allocate funds from other budget lines if we feel some items may be over expended. As this is the Coalition's first year with a full budget, some adjustments may be necessary as we are unsure how much may actually be spent in each area.

Moved by Maliktoo Lyta

Seconded by Phillip Evaglok

Motion 24-09-09-04 that the financial statements for the months of June, July and August 2009 be approved.

Motion carried

9. DEAs Casual Wages Information

The Rankin Inlet DEA representative, Chantal Maley, had asked why the casual employees have to pay union dues although they are not officially members of the union. The Executive Director spoke to the Nunavut Teachers Association (NTA) for clarification. The information received was that a casual employee was entitled to help from the union if there was a legal problem, or if there was a problem with students or parents, the union will act on their behalf. NEU has not been consulted yet but will be contacted. It is assumed they have the same practice and procedure. The letter has been shared with other members for their information if they should ever have the same question.

10. Meeting in Ottawa

This is a planning meeting for the Coalition Symposium in November. Alice Ladner, Executive Director; Lori Idlout and James T. Arreak, facilitators; Fiona Walton from the University of P.E.I., and Katherine Trumper, our researcher will meet in Ottawa to plan the Agenda for the symposium in November 2009. The meeting will take place October 6 to 8th, 2009, with Fiona and Katherine coming from Prince Edward Island to Ottawa.

11. Department of Education Conference

We have sent a copy of our presentation which will be presented at the conference with the Department of Education running from September 29 to October 1, 2009. Almost all meals will be provided for the participants so therefore we will just pay for the incidentals during those days. The full per diem will be paid for members travel days to and from their communities.

12. Coalition of Nunavut DEAs AGM/Symposium

The Executive Director updated the Executive members concerning the AGM/Symposium. It should be exciting for all participants. We are now working on the invitations and travel plans for the meeting.

13. Other Business - None

14. Adjournment

Moved by Maliktoo Lyta

Seconded by Chantal Maley

Motion 24-09-09-05: To adjourn the teleconference meeting at 4:45 pm.

Motion carried

Date

Chairperson

Date

Executive Director