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**Summary Report  
Education Act In-Service  
February 2-4, 2011**

## **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

The In-service days were delayed and the schedule was changed several times due to weather and flight schedule delays. The first day was spent between Qikiqtaaluk DEA's and Qikiqtaaluk School Operations. The session included a presentation by Naisaijiit answering questions about bookkeeping.

On February 2, the morning started with a media event and certificates being issued to Elders. Presentations to the DEA representatives and Principals (sometimes divided) were provided by Department of Education Staff where the topics included: Reporting and Planning in Nunavut Schools, Roles and Responsibilities of the DEA's/CSFN, School Calendar Development Process, Community Consultations Duties, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangi Reporting, Early Childhood and Education, Attendance, Finances, Education Act in-Service. Principals attended: Language of Instruction, Attendance and School Maintenance Program.

The Coalition ended up with only four short sessions. The first session was a lunch session, where the current Chairperson Jeeteeta Merkosak presented on the achievements of the Coalition, and another DEA priority needs survey was handed out. This survey is to be sent back to the Coalition.

The second session was a presentation by the Executive Director, Nikki Eegeesiak where she provided a background and overview of the Coalition.

The third session was an election of new board members and the fourth session, which was to be the strategic planning session, ended up being a presentation by the Deputy Minister of Education Kathy Okpik presenting on the business plan cycle.

Plans were initially in place to hold small group discussion on strategic planning with the DEA members and the Department of Education. The DEA's were handed out guiding questions to use as reference when discussing their own strategic planning in their meetings. For any assistance, please call the Coalition Office. Completed forms are to be returned to the Coalition.

After the break there was a smaller group of interested DEA members asking more specific information about the Coalition and topics are below;

### **ISSUES OF INTEREST**

1. Some DEA's mentioned that it is very difficult to control finances, as they do not get regular financial statements from Naisaijiiit.
2. The DEA's are still unclear about the added roles and responsibilities as indicated in the new Education Act. There needs to be more communication informing them of the added responsibilities. The Coalition will follow up on this area with the Department of Education and send any information to the DEA members.
3. Tips need to be provided to the DEA's on how to engage parents.
4. There needs to be a lot more information shared with the local DEA's on who and what the Coalition is. There is still confusion about the difference and roles between the Coalition and the RSOs.
5. It was obvious the DEA's want more time for discussions and Q & A with the Department of Education and the Coalition.
6. More training of DEAs and Office Managers.