

BEAUFORT DELTA DIVISIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL



Aklavik, Ft. McPherson, Inuvik, Paulatuk, Sachs Harbour, Tsiigehtchic, Tuktoyaktuk, Ulukhaktok

BDDEC Zoom Conference Minutes

Date: October 27th 2021

5:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

In Attendance

DEC Trustees

Chair Darlene Gruben – Tuktoyaktuk/BDDEC Chair
Vice Chair – Jenn Parrott – Inuvik DEA/BDDEC Vice Chair
Mary Rose Tetlichic – Fort McPherson DEA Chair
Joanne Ogina – Ulukhaktok DEA Chair
Lucy Kuptana – IRC Representative
Bobbie Jo Greenland – GTC Representative

BDDEC Staff

Superintendent - Devin Roberts
Asst. Superintendent – Richard McKinnon
Asst. Superintendent – Krista Cudmore

Regrets

Rita Arey – Chair Aklavik
Gilbert Thrasher Jr. – Paulatuk DEA Chair and Member at Large
Archie Inglangasuk Jr – Tsiigehtchic DEA Chair

Motion #2021-10-27-01

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Darlene Gruben at 5:18 pm.

Motion #2021-10-27-02

Review/Approval of Agenda

Moved by GTC, seconded by Fort McPherson

Consultant Presentation – Literacy

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Julie Donohue-Kpolugbo presented an update on Literacy at BDDEC. Presentation attached. Erica Thompson was also available for questions. BDDEC has seen improvements in CAT 4 results, F & P reading levels and District Wide Write student indicators. A long-term literacy plan as part of the broader Five Year Vision for BDDEC is being developed.

Questions from DEC:

GTC Representative Bobbie Jo Greenland – What actual percentage of parents do the number represent?

Julie - 75.5% of parents AGREE they discussed with their child's ELA teacher their strengths and stretches in reading and writing.

Devin – 30-35% of parent/guardian of our parent/guardian population responded to survey questions.

IRC Representative Lucy Kuptana

We know a large portion of our students are missing time due to COVID. What are our plans to help catch those students up as they return?

Devin –The overall district attendance dropped by 4% in 2020-21. We also know lost a week of instruction for many students at East Three Elementary School because of the JK/K COVID exposure notification. Attendance was as low as 25% during the following week after the notification was announced. Families were hesitant to send their children. We will need to work with the DEC to develop stronger attendance programs. We are piloting Check and Connect program in Tuktoyaktuk. We will need support from IRC, GTC and all DEA's to encourage families to send their students. We'd also like to included Elders more in our school programming once younger students receive the vaccine.

The DEC thanked Julie Donohue-Kpolugbo for her presentation and explanation of the literacy data.

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COVID 19 Update

Superintendent Devin Roberts gave an update on the COVID exposure notification for JK/K at East Three Elementary School. Devin thanked the admin team at East Three Elementary School and the staff who supported students and pivoted quickly. Communication to the public came out quickly during the weekend. This week students have been returning and attendance rates are increasing. The attendance at E3E dipped as low as 25% on the Monday. DEC members thanked the staff at E3E and BDDEC for their support during the exposure warning days.

Asst. Superintendent Krista Cudmore explained the new COVID 19 screening kit program. We are attempting to get 10-20% of parents/guardians at East Three Elementary School involved in the program. The program is optional for parents/guardians.

Audited Statements

Comptroller Gary McBride presented to the council the financial audited statements for 2020-21. DEC trustees reviewed and asked questions. The DEC will pass the financial audited statements at the next council meeting.

Date of next meeting

The DEC decided to meet on Tuesday November 9th at 5:15 pm.

Motion #2021-10-27-03

Adjournment

Moved by Fort McPherson.