

# DEC Meeting Sept 20, 2021 5:15pm



Present:

Joanne Ogina (Ulu)  
Bobbi Jo Greenland (GTC)  
Gary McBride (BDDEC)  
Jenn Parrot (Inuvik)  
Darlene Gruben (Tuk)  
Rita Arey (Aklavik)

Devin - Confirmed that quorum is a majority of members. This would be five.

1. Called to Order 5:23
2. Jenn - Sept 9 Meeting Minutes since in package

## **Motion #2021-09-20-01**

- a. Darlene - Add to after approval of agenda
  - i. Approved - Jenn Parrot (Inuvik)
  - ii. Second - Bobbie Jo Greenland (GTC)
  - iii. In Favour - Rita Arey (Aklavik)
3.
  - a. Sept 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes
    - Jenn - Do motion numbers need to be removed since it was for information only
    - Devin - Can remove if DEC agrees
    - Darlene - Quorum not met, correct?

## **Motion #2021-09-20-02**

- Jenn - Remove lines but keep the minutes  
Moved - Bobbie Jo Greenland (GTC)  
Second - Rita Arey (Aklavik)  
Education Leaders Update - Darlene
- Meetings went well, received an update on school re-opening

- Kandola did presentation and discuss on outbreak. Feel for YK schools, Ndilo, Ft Good Hope, etc. Unbelievable how fast it can spread. Sent thoughts and prayers to those affected in the communities.
- Discussion on curriculum renewal. 40 engagements sessions with Indigenous Organizations, Ed Bodies, NWTTA and interested parties. Sept 23 - Present to Cabinet, Oct 10 - Share with key education partners, Oct 15 - Public release, Nov 2021 - Provincial partner announced, Jan 2022 - Start planning.
- Final provincial curriculum isn't decided, BC is closest to what we are looking for. Still opportunity to give feedback. Like the direction for NWT students.
- Concerns - timeline constraints, had to get everybody in engagement sessions, so key organizations weren't given opportunity for feedback but window is still open. Looking at 5 themes for engagement. Hoping for easy transition. Importance of culture in the school, BC is open to what we are working on in NWT.
- Immunizations for 5-11 yr. olds. Waiting on vaccine choice and dosages. Still waiting for clinical trials to wrap up.
- No updates on Education Act Modernization
- Next Meeting Oct 18, 2021
- Devin - thanked Darlene for her role in the meeting. Offered help to other districts if needed.

Devin - Follow-Up on Question from previous meeting

- % of parents who participated in survey 35% of parents and guardians responded.

- % of those who responded for ELA/Numeracy were higher than Indigenous Languages
- Will ask DEA's to provide feedback, support in implementation
- Annual Report
  - Literacy Rates - working on finalizing report
  - 5% increase of students writing on levels
  - CMA increase wasn't as high
  - 14% of students speaking at emergent level
  - Want to increase elders working with youth
  - 84.3% of students participated in 4 key cultural experiences
  - Attendance is 4% lower on the year
  - CPNS continued to have strong attendance
  - Annual report not due until October, open for feedback, Gary still working on statements

Gary - working way through documents that can't be pulled from system

- Reviewed with auditor who is working on their file today
- Should have full package in next week to be sent to Devin

Darlene - Why were CMA's lower?

- Devin - Will invite Shawn Feener to speak on this at Oct meeting for an update
- Darlene - Thought this would be linked to COVID
- Still increased but no to the level we were hoping

Bobbie Joe - Thanks for responding to earlier questions

Jenn - Were you able to incorporate comments that Jenn had on previous meeting.

- Devin - Will provide with audited statements
- Devin - Will provide documents in PDF for Joanne due to slow internet

Darlene - Why did IEPS increase

- Richard - Doing an audit last year, some students in HS were improperly placed
  - This was caught with the increased staff in Inclusive schools

- With IEP going up, SSP went down or to a lesser plan
  - This change means that she would be at the proper program type
  - Darlene - reason for questions based on experience with daughter
    - Marks were up in Grade 10
    - Concern that it is putting students at a disadvantage
    - Understand need assessments and parent involvement
    - With IEP, if student will benefit then ok, but if student can progress with SSP then they don't need an IEP
  - Richard - additional IEP's - significant reasons for them being added
    - New procedure includes multiple levels of case reviews
    - Careful and cautious about who is placed on IEP
  - Darlene - happy to hear that
  - Devin - wanting to make sure parents aware about what the plan means
    - RISC's can provide a presentation on what the process is
5. Devin - revision made about bussing based on Jenn's request  
 Gary - looked at the document to see why there was an issue
- Line recognizes how much was spent on bussing for Paulatuk, Tuktoyakuk, Sachs Harbour
  - Moved the additional line with bussing funds so that it was displayed correctly
  - Devin will share out revised document
- Jenn - Thanks Gary for the time in finding the error and correcting  
 Devin - Are you comfortable making a motion knowing that the change

### **Motion #2021-09-20-03**

- i. Moved - Jenn Parrot (Inuvik)
  - ii. Seconded - Joanne Ogina (Ulu)
  - iii. In Favour - Rita Arey (Aklavik)
6. Devin - Not much has changed
- Kandola - plans on giving an update tomorrow on YK schools reopening on Sept 24 or if the closure will extend
  - Was asked to do an inventory on devices purchased with COVID relief \$
  - Purchases included devices, turbo stick or modem
  - Wanted to make DEC aware that we would be required to help if possible
- Joanne - What about the turbo sticks in Ulu  
 Devin - tried when Richard was there, cell phone connection is too low
- Working with Space X for improved internet
  - Turbo sticks work in Fort McPherson
  - Modems and turbo sticks work in Inuvik
- Jenn - IRC made significant contribution to COVID device purchases
- IRC should be discussed if those are repurposed
  - Devin - No devices purchased from IRC & GTC would be sent in relief
  - Jenn - Mandatory masking order - expected to be re-evaluated, what is plan in the schools
  - Devin - Advice from CPHO/Superintendent discussion, council can ask to go above and beyond recommendations. (May lead to push back from unions) Wouldn't go less than CPHO. All schools had consistent rule.
  - Jenn - Has been easy to answer questions with consistent messaging. If there are changes, can we continue a cohesive approach. Concern - mask in gym class.
  - Jenn - Can changes been given to DEC in advance.

- Jenn - Motion to keep gym closed for user groups. Can it be extended.  
Darlene - wait until the end of the month to see the changes. Wait until more from CPHO  
Jenn - agrees with approach. Want to keep it on our radar  
Darlene - Do you want to have a special meeting first week of October to review.  
Jenn - agree  
Darlene - Special meeting scheduled for Oct 5th, 2021 - 5:15pm
- 7. Devin - Members in last meeting were in agreement, didn't have quorum
  - i. Moved- Bobbie Jo Greenland (GTC)
  - ii. Seconded - Jenn Parrot (Inuvik)
  - iii. In Favour - Yes
- 8. Devin - Was flagged by DEC after their review of D. 31
  - Also based on recommendations from Safe and Caring schools policy
  - Discusses the approved curriculums, school code of conduct
  - Policies are in a shared drive for review
  - Asking for a first and second read tonight if comfortable
    - Jenn - significantly better than a year ago.
      - Will provide comments in writing
    - Darlene - agree it looks good and suggests moving ahead with the readings
    - Bobbie-Joe - agrees
    - Joanne - very good policy , agree with reading
    - Rita - agrees with the reading as well

#### **Motion #2021-09-20-04**

Moved - Jenn Parrot (Inuvik)  
Seconded - Rita Arey (Aklavik)  
In Favour - Bobbie Jo Greenland (GTC)

#### **Motion #2021-09-20-05**

Meeting Adjourned - 6:41pm

- i) Moved - Rita Arey (Aklavik)
- ii) Seconded - Jenn Parrot (Inuvik)