Beaufort Delta Divisional Education Council



Minutes Date: September 9, 2021 @5:15 pm

In Attendance

Mary Rose Tetlichi Fort McPherson DEA Jenn Parrott Inuvik DEA & Vice Chair Bobbi Jo Greenland Gwich'in Tribal Council Rita Arey Aklavik DEA

Staff

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

Regrets:

Joanne Ogina – Ulu Chair

Darlene Gruben - DEC Chair / Tuktoyaktuk Chair

Lucy Kuptana – Inuvialuit Regional Corporation

Jenn Parrott - Vice Chair / Inuvik Chair

Gilbert Thrasher - Member at Large / Paulatuk Chair

Archie Inglangasuk – Tsigehtchic

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jenn Parrott at 5:18 pm.

Review/Approval of Agenda

Fort McPherson moved and GTC 2nd the motion to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #2021-09-09-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be hereby accepted at 5:18 pm

Fort McPherson Carried

Draft Annual Report 20-21

Superintendent Devin Roberts presented the draft BDDEC 2020-21 Annual report. Highlights included increases to data in Literacy, Numeracy and Indigenous Languages.

Literacy highlight included 12.4% increase from September 2020 to May 2021 of all Grades 1-9 students writing at grade level achieving Satisfactory level or higher. 17% increase of total students writing at grade level by May 2021. Numeracy highlight included 2.9% increase in students meeting expectations on the CMA's. ILE highlights included 81.2% of students speaking 12 of the traditional greetings of their home community. 14.7% of students speaking at the Emergent level. 84.3% of students participating in at least key 4 key cultural on the land or within the classroom.

Attendance data for overall district attendance average and 90% attenders data was reported as being down -1.4% and -4.0% each. DEC Members are encouraged to share out ideas on how to increase attendance and work with their individual schools.

Vice Chair Jenn Parrott (Inuvik): Do members have any questions for Superintendent Devin?

Bobbi Jo Greenland (GTC): What percentage of parents participated in the survey?

Superintendent Roberts: About two hundred parents participated. I will get you the percentage for next meeting.

Vice Chair Jenn Parrott (Inuvik): Asked questions about IEPs. Number of students on IEPs has more than doubled. Also asked question about why the percentage of staff being trained on IEPs was low. Parent participation also low.

Assistant Superintendent Richard McKinnon: Explained IEP training, renewal and engagement with parents.

Budget 21-22

The budget for 2021-22 was presented again to members. An additional tab of information was provided to members. Acting Comptroller Gary McBride was present to answer questions.

Vice Chair Jenn Parrott (Inuvik) asked questions about bussing funding.

Vice Chair Jenn Parrott (Inuvik): Why is BDDEC holding back bussing funding?

Acting Comptroller Gary McBride: It is at the Superintendent's discretion. In years past funding has been held back to increase bussing needs for special requests and also concern with bears in Sachs Harbour.

Vice Chair Jenn Parrott (Inuvik): Can we change this and not old the funds back at the BDDEC office?

Superintendent Devin Roberts: Yes, we can make that change and present the budget back.

Vice Chair Jenn Parrott (Inuvik): Why are benefits for employees gone up?

Acting Comptroller Gary McBride: Teacher salaries have also gone up. Jordan's Principal hires especially Support Assistant account for the increase.

COVID Protocols / Updates

Vice Chair Jenn Parrott (Inuvik): I will call upon Superintendent Roberts to present to council about COVID 19.

Superintendent Roberts: We've had an exciting first week of school. Families and students returned with excitement and some nervousness related to COVID.

Masks are to be work in all school settings. If students arrived without masks we provided them to students in their homeroom classes.

Symptoms check list should be followed by familes and students as a screening tool.

E. 44 Draft Financial Policy 3rd reading

The draft policy was presented for a third and final reading. There was a third reading however upon review it should be noted that at the time of the reading only four members are in attendance. We should read this policy with full quorum next meeting.

Date of next meeting

Monday September 20th at 5:15 pm will be the next Beaufort Delta DEC meeting.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Fort McPherson Mary Rose Tetlichi

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Motion #2021-09-09-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be hereby adjourned at 7:16 pm

Fort McPherson

Carried