

# *BEAUFORT DELTA DIVISIONAL EDUCATION COUNCIL*

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## DEC Meeting - March 1 & 2, 2022

March 1, 2022

9:15 AM

Archie Inglangasuk - TDEA  
Darlene Gruben - TDEA  
Derek Squirrel - UDEA  
Lucy Kuptana - IRC  
Bobbie Jo Greenland-Morgan - GTC  
Gilbert Thrasher - PDEA  
Rita Arey - ADEA  
Erica Thompson- BDDEC  
Shawn Feener - BDDEC  
Devin Roberts - BDDEC  
Richard McKinnon - BDDEC  
Krista Cudmore - BDDEC

Regrets

Rebecca Blake - FMDEA

1. Call to Order - 9:15 am

**2. Motion to Approve Agenda**

**Motioned** - Lucy Kuptana

**Seconded** - Bobbie Jo Greenland-Morgan

**Motion # - 2022-03-01-01**

3. Five Year Vision

- Presentation by Devin Roberts
- *Capable Citizens through Indigenized Education*
- Opportunity to vote on approval later in the meetings
  
- BJGM - Suggestion to increase engagement in Science class, dissect local animals
- DG - Suggestion to continue to advocate for additional SA support in the schools, even if JP funding ends
- LK - Long Term Vision - Add a Goal 'COVID Recovery' . How to get students/families back on track after closures.

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- DR - Do we need a Mental Health and Wellness vision goal?
- DG - Parent/guardian survey - Can we do gift card/draws to get more involvement
  
- Programs Overview
- Presentation by Richard McKinnon
  
- LK - DEA would like more info on BC Curriculum, Differences between Alberta and BC, Integration of Indigenous Learning, No Streaming, to share with local councils.
  
- BDDEC Consultants
- Presentation by Erica Thompson
  
- GT - Is the Inquiry Project up and running?  
ET - It is starting with the Teachers/Consultant/Principals, will advertise their work once completed.
  
- Principal Report / SIP Plan / Strategic Plan
- Email your Principal if you have concerns
- Presentation by Krista Cudmore
  
- Housing - Long Term Strategy
- Letters have gone to the Minister about concerns
- We are losing staff due to housing issues
  
- GT - In the past we have been able to discuss with Local Housing Authority. We recognize all communities have this issue. Will always be a big challenge. In Tuk, the TCC was scheduled to build a 4-plex.
- DG - It wasn't built. Was a plan but not sure why it didn't happen.
- GT - Housing will be an issue for a while.
- LK - Have read the letter to the Minister. BDDEC deals with concerns regularly, will need for all teachers. We need an overview of housing conditions in Beaufort Delta, talk to teachers about the conditions. If we can fix the issue for teachers it will free up the issues for local families. Need to keep it secure, all teachers eligible to live in it. Examine conditions, survey, put a report together, bring to the Minister/Indigenous Government and establish how to partner and find secure housing in each community. Professional Report by Consultant. Need a regional report.
- GT - Local residents becoming teachers may help with the situation as well.
- DG - Outside Consultant - can we find somebody to complete this ASAP? Work with Local Indigenous Governments.

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- BDDEC Recruitment Update
  - Presentation by Superintendents
  - Recruiting trips to UT, YU, UBC
  - Interviews in progress, UBC practicum placements
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- LK - Do you have the number of BDDEC students who are in the YU teacher program?
  - RM - Will get confirmation on Numbers
  - LK - Like the idea of UBC - familiar with Indigenizing and curriculum
  - GT - With the shift to BC, does that mean Alberta is no long an option?
  - DR - Students who graduate with the new curriculum will still be eligible for Alberta Universities. DEA's can still request a curriculum meeting with ECE for clarification.
  - DG - Happy with how we are recruiting, nice to see that there are students from our district wanting to teach. Hopefully we will have some housing
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- Election Update  
Devin Roberts touched base with DEC regarding plans to have anonymous vote
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- GT - Suggestions to do it Face to Face and postpone
  - DG - Agrees to extend to see if all members are present.
  - RA - Extend until all members present
  - DG - Wait until tomorrow and see if all members are here.
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- End of Meeting Resume - March 2, 2022 - 9:00am
11. Call to Order - 9:08am
12. High School Expansion - Sachs Harbour & Tsiigehtchic  
Presentation by Devin Roberts
- AI - Will be easier for the kids, even if they do Gr 10 in community before moving to Inuvik for Gr 11-12. Some parents are on board, some parents think it might be too late
  - BJGM - Excited to hear this, glad it's happening. Youth shouldn't have to leave their community to get their education. Heading in the right direction, positive.
  - LK - This is great to head, congrats to those communities. What is current enrollment? (36)  
What are you projecting for Grade 10?
  - DR - We need to look into this. Expecting 5-6 students.
  - LK - Housing is issue. Where will this teacher be housed?
  - DR - We don't hire unless they have a place to live. This will be a factor in decision.
  - LK - Is expansion in the capital plan?

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- DR - Not yet. ECE is interested in helping with Portable classroom. If we continue it will probably get on the Capital Plan eventually.
- LK - Need to help ensure we have the space to help keep the kids at home.
- DR - If DEC would like to support the program by writing a letter that would be great.
- GT - Happy to hear. Remember when Paulatuk receive HS. As kids we spent a lot of time away from home. Happy students can finish HS in their community. Is a long process.
- DR - Plan to start this next school year. Fall 2022.
- DG - Happy to hear we are trying to get HS for these communities. When Tuktoyaktuk went from K-9 - HS there was a lot of Band-Aid solutions which made it hard to navigate to a while. Ensure the flow and layout is appropriate so there is separation between divisions. Its 2022, should have HS in all our schools.
- GT - Advice for Archie - Partnership within the community, Hamlet, Land Claim group, Mayor, Parents. Everybody needs to be involved.
- DG - We should go ahead and write the letter.
- DR - We will look at all the options for spacing and keep an eye on the housing to ensure staffing. Looking for a letter of support for both expansions.
- GT - Does Sachs Harbour have a DEA?
- DR - No. The principal has made an effort to get members, nobody is interested at this time
- BJGM - Suggestion to reach out to the recent grads. They may have good opinions. Maybe if you reach out to them they may be more willing to join.

## **Motion to provide a letter of support for the expansion in Tsiigehtchic & Sachs Harbour and including the addition on the capital plan.**

**Motioned** - Archie Inglangasuk

**Seconded** - Bobbie Jo Greenland-Morgan

**In-Favour** - Gilbert Thrasher

## **Motion # - 2022-03-02-01**

- Policy Update - A.02 - Vision Statement & Mission Statement
- Changes highlighted in bold
- BJGM - Like the changes
- GT - Looks like our kind of Vision & Mission
- LK - Long time coming, good to see recognition of Indigenous people, pretty impressive
- DG - Including culture, tradition, not excluding anyone. Moving forward, making more strides than in the past. We are inclusive.

## **Motion to approve the Vision Statement & Mission Statement**

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**Motioned** - Gilbert Thrasher

**Seconded** - Derek Squirrel

**In-Favour** - Bobbi Jo Greenland-Morgan

## **Motion # - 2022-03-02-02**

- Northern Distance Learning Expansion
- Presentation by Devin Roberts
  
- DG - Should include Tsiigehtchic and Sachs Harbour as they expand.
- LK - Would the -1 student who are in Inuvik be able to take NDL course in Tsiigehtchic
- DR - That is the goal. We need to make sure we have the equipment in place
  
- DEC Elections
  
- DG - Missing representative from Inuvik and Fort McPherson - want to make sure we have a full council. Would like to extend these until June.
- GT - Agree, normally we are able to bring two people in. Should have full council, hopefully face to face.

## **Motion to postpone elections until June 2022**

**Motioned** - Gilbert Thrasher

**Seconded** -Bobbie Jo Greenland-Morgan

**In-Favour** - Derek Squirrel

## **Motion # - 2022-03-02-03**

- COVID 19 Updates
- Presentation by Devin Roberts
  
- DG - Masking is being removed April 1, what will happen with masking in schools.
- DR - at NWTSA meeting, a decision was decided to mask for the year. Maybe DEC can make a decision for this region.
- BJGM - Would be a good practice to continue for a while. People are excited to travel and we will see an increase of cases again. Staying with masks might help eliminate the spread. Maybe we make decisions locally at each school. Need to think about staff and students who may have respiratory issues.
- DR - Reminder that 4 year olds are not vaccinated. Needs to be considered.

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- BJGM - Thanks for the February 17 letter. Helped clarify some confusion on the updates. Was a helpful reminder.
- DG - Transmission is still high. It can be at school or at Health Centre. Can still transmit it. Think they should still wear masks until we are in the clear. Spring Break and Jamborees will be on the go.
- DR - We will continue to update you. We are tracking COVID expenditures.
  
- Trades Program
- Presentation by Devin Roberts
  
- LK - Resurgence of Trades Program is important. We need to offer variety. We are constantly bringing people in from the South since we can't get enough local staff. M-18 in Tuktoyaktuk will have 25 full time jobs. Many will be trades related.
- DG - Some kids getting close to graduation that still aren't sure about what to do. Some don't think about the trades as an option. Trades are also for women. Some kids really good at working with their hands, may be a perfect opportunity.
- RM - Having some conversations with UBC trades programs. Itinerant Teachers - Trades, Home Ec, Technology, Sustainability (Gardening) .
- BJGM - Different ways of doing things, linking to the Vision Statement. GTC does support trades. Great career option.
- GT - Mission - used to be to get kids interested in their early stages of education on what they might be interested in. Locally there are jobs to fill. Looking at options to get a trades space in the community.
- DS - Nice to see there is an effort being put in for the trades. Many of our students are hands on and visual learners. A barrier may be qualified trades people (Journeyman) in the community. Post-secondary students may be unable to do their practicum in their communities. Some stop the program because they want to go back home.
- BJGM - Is interested in being a part of the conversation work on the barriers
- GT - Each community has a lot of partnerships. They can provide outside help and direction
  
- Career Education Advisor
- Presentation by Krista Cudmore
  
- DG - Thought this was going to be rolled out a few years ago. Happy that we will have access to these individuals. Each HS should have access to a Guidance Counsellor. Somebody to follow up with them before they get to Grade 12.
- GT - Important to catch them earlier. It's harder when they are older.

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- Presentation by Devin Roberts
- DG - What was the timeframe for engagement for stakeholders?
- DR - Understanding is that DEA's can request meetings from ECE. Willing to request sessions or set up dates.
- DG - Wondering if we should set up local Town Halls to get more input and hear different sides?
- LK - Would like to have some meetings with ECE and DEC to discuss and understand what the next steps are, timeline? What is the process? What's next?
- DG - Had a few meetings in the past were they asked for feedback. Would be a good idea to have more, do it as a collective group.
- GT - Now that we are looking at BC curriculum, we need to be involved with the discussion.
- Curriculum
- Presentation by Devin Roberts
- DG - Parents will be concerned about the Grad Path as we move forward. Would be happy to get some more clarification.
- DR - Will send out the request for meetings today, maybe tie into the DEA trainings.

Next Meeting - June, 2022

## **Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:15 am**

**Motioned** - Bobbie Jo Greenland-Morgan

**Seconded** - Derek Squirrel

## **Motion # - 2022-03-02-04**

To Do:

Presentation on BC Curriculum for DEA's

Find clip of Autumn Thrasher on CBC News and put on website

Outside consultant to complete housing evaluation/survey

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Confirm Number of BDDEC students at YU in Education

Confirm with FMDEA that they are present.

How did Aurora College get their Trades Trailer? Was it stock or custom?

Arrange Meetings with ECE for DEC regarding Education Renewal

Doodle for Meeting Dates in June

Letter to the Principals to thank them for all their support signed from DEC Chair