

**DEC Meeting Minutes  
March 21<sup>st</sup> 2023  
9 am - 4 pm**



**In Attendance**

Derek Squirrel – Ulukhaktok District Education Authority  
Annie Goose – Ulukhaktok District Education Authority  
Darlene Gruben – DEC Chair & Tuktoyaktuk DEA  
Maureen Gruben – Tuktoyaktuk District Education Authority  
Rosemary Pokiak - Tuktoyaktuk District Education Authority  
Chris Ruben – Paulatuk District Education Authority  
Janna Wolki – Gwich'in Tribal Council  
Katherine Ciboci – Inuvialuit Regional Corporation  
Janeta Pascal – Aklavik District Education Authority  
Rebecca Blake – Fort McPherson District Education Authority

**Motion #2023-03-01**

**Call to Order**

Chair Darlene Gruben called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.

**Motion #2023-03-02**

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

**Motioned** – Annie Goose - Ulukhaktok District Education Authority

**Seconded** – Rebecca Blake – Fort McPherson District Education Authority

BDDEC Long Term Vision Update - Update Devin Roberts & Will Logan

Consultant Will Logan – Shared a district overview of student results. Highlights included 80% of students on level in numeracy in grades 1-9. 50% of students on level in Literacy in grades 1-9.

BDDEC Superintendent Devin Roberts provided an overview of the long-term vision. BDDEC Consultant Will Logan presented the new district and school profiles.

## **Community of Learners**

A handout was provided with photos from Community of Learners. COL was started at the beginning of this academic year. Students and teachers focus on relationship building. Board office does not require teachers to submit large amounts of data in the first six weeks of the school year. Long-range plans were submitted after October 15 in order to give staff more time to work with students.

## **Wisdom Fest 2023**

An overview of Wisdom Fest 2023 was presented. Photos and explanation of Wisdom Fest 2023 was provided.

Annie Goose (Ulukhaktok) – Nice to see the students taking pride in their projects.

## **March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Agenda continued)**

### **DEC Elections**

DEC elections was held. The results from the DEC election were the following.

Chair Darlene Gruben – Tuktoyaktuk

Vice Chair Mina McLeod – Aklavik

Member at Large – Derek Squirrel - Ulukhaktok

### **High School Expansion Update - Sachs Harbour & Tsiigehtchic**

Expansion in Tsiigehtchic is going well. To date no students in Sachs Harbour have registered for high school.

At Chief Paul Nitdichie School in Tsiigehtchic, eight students were enrolled in high school.

### **Trades Update & (TAP) Trade Awareness Program**

Derek Squirrel (Ulukhaktok) – Great to see that pilot project starting to get up and going. Will the shops in the communities be upgraded?

Superintendent Devin Roberts – Yes. It takes time working with GNWT Infrastructure. I'm also trying to secure funding for the upgrades. I am hoping IRC and GTC might be able to help us long-term with funding.

### **Youth Council and District Youth Forum**

Superintendent Devin Roberts - BDDEC plans to host a youth forum online initially and in person eventually. Each school has been asked to create a student council.

Chair Darlene Gruben – It is nice to see us giving some opportunity for the youth to speak. Sometimes we make decisions for the youth without asking with them first.

Superintendent Devin Roberts – Thanks. We are hoping to do more with the youth council.

### **Stallworthy Award - E3SS request**

Superintendent Devin Roberts read the request and explained the criteria of the award.

The DEC did not motion the award. The DEC request Superintendent Devin Roberts review the class demographics prior to approval. An email poll for DEC will be provided the following week.

### **Policies for Review**

D. 36 & D. 37 Honoria Rate was reviewed and discussed. The following applies to the proposed changes to the Honoria rate.

Rate of pay:

- a. The Chairperson shall receive \$400 per meeting for a full day and \$200 per half day meeting.
- b. Trustees shall receive \$325 per meeting for a full day and \$162.50 per half day meeting

Half-day meeting constitutes less than 3.5 hours in one meeting.

Elders will be paid at a rate of \$325 full day \$162.50 half day

Subsequent information can be found in the BDDEC policy manual under D. 36. D.37

### **Motion #2023-03-22-03**

Chair Darlene Gruben called for a motion to read the D. 36 policy twice.

**Motioned** – Annie Goose - Ulukhaktok District Education Authority

**Seconded** – Rebecca Blake – Fort McPherson District Education Authority

D.36 & D.37 was read two times. The DEC will attempt to pass the policy either by email poll or at the June DEC meeting.

### **Modernization of the Education Act / Curriculum**

Proposed changes to the Education Act were discussed. Specifically bussing in the region was discussed.

The Ulukhaktok DEA expressed interest in providing bussing to the community of Ulukhaktok when operationally possible.

**DEA updates and roundtable discussions**

Each DEA shared updates on successes at their schools.

**Adjournment**

**Motion #2023-03-22-04**

**Adjournment – Janna Wolki (GTC)**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm**

**Signed**

*Deidre Gibson*

**Dated**

June 29<sup>th</sup> 2023