



Nunavut Teachers' Association
Regular Meeting of Central Executive
September 16, 2014
NTA Boardroom / Conference Call
Iqaluit, NU

September 16, 2014, 7:00 PM EST

Present:

Terry Young (Chair)
John Fanjoy
Rebecca Hainnu

Richard Kurtz
Kim Masson
Lee Hodgers
Jay McKechnie
Jim Kreuger

Emile Hatch
Brian Barry (Minutes)

NTA President
NTA Secretary -- Treasurer
NTA Inuit Member at Large

Kitikmeot President
C. Qikiqtani President
S. Qikiqtani President
N. Qikiqtani President
Kivalliq President

NTA Executive Director
NTA Executive Assistant

Quorum (5 members or greater) is present

Terry Young
September 10, 2014

Section 1: Welcome: Terry Young welcomed Central Executive.

Section 2: Agenda

There were no proposed amendments to the agenda.

Motion that the agenda for the September 16, 2014 regular meeting of Central Executive be adopted.

Moved: Kim Masson
Seconded: Jay McKechnie
All in favor
Carried

Section 3: Approval of Minutes

There were no proposed amendments to the May 8 & 9, or June 16 2014 Central Executive Minutes.

Motion that Central Executive receive the minutes of the May 2014 Central Executive Meeting.

Moved: Jim Kreuger
Seconded: Richard Kurtz
All in favor
Carried

Motion that Central Executive receive the minutes of the June 2014 Central Executive Meeting.

Moved: John Fanjoy
Seconded: Lee Hodgers
All in favor
Carried

Section 4: Business Arising from the May and June 2014 meetings.

1. Action Items from May 2014 AMCC (Terry)

Terry reviewed action items from AMCC of May 2014.

2. BCTF Update (Terry)

There is a tentative deal on a 6-year contract. They will vote on it on Friday, September 19.

3. NTA Strategic Plan Update (Terry)

-Distribution- We are waiting for written copies of the plan from the publisher.

-Mission Statement- Terry is currently surveying the NTA PD and School Reps during training to develop a Mission Statement.

4. Committee Selection Date (Terry)

Tuesday, September 30.

5. Curriculum in-services (Jim)

There are no in-services being offered for new curriculum by the Government.

Moreover, there are no plans to train a teacher to in-service other teachers.

Is there something that the NTA can do to discuss this with the Government of Nunavut (GN)?

Comments/Discussion: Perhaps the Curriculum Support Committee could brainstorm some ideas to bring to Central Executive?

Shelly Pepler said the schools could use the O days. Is this a viable option?

No. We should expect to be in-serviced in curriculum changes.

Principals may be in-serviced on the curriculum. However, it might be only for Literacy for Life.

The NTA should take a stand. What would it look like?

It would be a letter to the GN stating the concern.

Can the Curriculum Support Committee draft a letter for Terry to send to the GN?

Yes.

The lack of PD provided by the GN now for in-service has become the norm. There should be an obligation by the GN to provide in-service when new curriculum is introduced.

There is also no in-service for new Inuktitut curriculum. The GN should be held accountable for not in-servicing.

Jay, Jim, and Rebecca will draft a letter to present to Central Executive. This will be a follow up letter to an earlier inquiry made by Terry to Shelly Pepler.

Section 5: Ongoing Business

Regional Training Dates (Terry)

Kitikmeot training went well, September 13-14. Kivalliq Training is September 28-

29. Qikiqtani Training will be November 1-2.

Central Executive meeting dates (Emile/Terry)

- Conference Calls- Second Tuesday of every month.
- October 2014- October 30-31 Face to Face.
- AMCC April 2015

President's Nunavut Travel (Terry)

Terry has visited 33/43 schools since his term began. Recently Terry visited Clyde River and Pond Inlet.

New Office Position (Emile)

Work is underway between the President and the department in trying to get a new position utilizing the PD Reserve Fund. It would be a PD Program Specialist. This program could be indeterminate. It may also be a 7-year position. It is hoping it would begin immediately. It would begin some time in 2015 and end in June 2022. More information will be forwarded to Central Executive in future conference calls.

Office Renovations (Emile)

The renovation is nearly complete. It looks great. The cost is inline with our budget. We are not looking at overages at all.

Section 6: NTA Executive Director's Report

Motion to meet in - camera

Moved: John Fanjoy
Seconded: Rebecca Hainnu

Motion to return to regular meeting

Moved: Kim Masson
Seconded: Jay McKechnie

Emile updated Central Executive on membership protection issues.

Motion to adjourn the September 2014 regular meeting of NTA Central Executive.

Moved: John Fanjoy

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM