
Annual Meeting of NTA Central Council

May 11 and 12, 2013

Present:

Robin Langill NTA President

Heather Campbell NTA Vice President

John Fanjoy NTA Secretary Treasurer

Ellen Ittunga NTA Inuit Member at Large

Richard Kurtz Kitikmeot NTA President

Jim Kreuger Kivalliq NTA President

Terry Young Central Qikiqtani NTA President

Amy Smith South Qikiqtani NTA President

Vince Pickett North Qikiqtani NTA President

Bernadette O' Brien Kitikmeot NTA Vice President

Steven Campbell Kivalliq NTA Vice President

Kim Masson Central Qikiqtani NTA Vice President

Ed Flynn South Qikiqtani NTA Vice President

Joey Rhodes Central Qikiqtani NTA Secretary Treasurer

Lee Hodggers South Qikiqtani NTA Secretary Treasurer

Sylvia Gabriel North Qikiqtani NTA Secretary Treasurer

Jeffrey Avery Kitikmeot NTA Secretary Treasurer

Karen Campbell Kivalliq NTA Councilor

Susie Hillier Kitikmeot Member at Large

Patricia Tidd North Qikiqtani Member at Large

Emile Hatch NTA Executive Director

Brian Barry NTA Executive Assistant

Paul Taillefer CTF President

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Absent:

Eric Lee North Qikiqtani NTA Vice President

Billy Gallant Kivalliq NTA Councilor

John Strutynski Kivalliq Member at Large

Melissa Burton Kivalliq Member at Large

Phil Flynn South Qikiqtani Member at Large

Cathy Welsh Central Qikiqtani Member at Large

Session I

9:00 am Inuksuk High School Library

1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements – Robin Langill

All at the table introduced themselves.

CTF Representative

Special Guests

2. Motion to accept proxy votes.

Motion: Richard Kurtz

Second: Jeff Avery

Carried

3. Appointment of Independent Chair

The chair recommends the following motion:

“Be it resolved that Central Council appoint James Ryan as the Independent Chair for the 2012 Annual Meeting of Central Council”

Carried

4. AMCC House Rules, Agenda

- I. Review/ Questions

- II. Adoption

The chair recommends the following motion:

“Be it resolved that the AMCC House rules be adopted as (read) or (amended).

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Motion: Richard Kurtz

Second: Jeff Avery

Carried

“Be it resolved that AMCC Agenda be adopted as (read) or (amended).”

Motion: Amy Smith

Second: Sylvia Gabriel

Carried

5. Remarks: CTF President Paul Taillefer (deferred to **Session III**)

Paul made a few remarks complimenting the NTA and the teachers of Nunavut. Paul also addressed the political climate in education across Canada. A few highlights: There have been cuts in programs but Project Overseas remains. There are challenges that Teacher’s Organization face in Canada. There is an assault on democracy. We need to be strong together. The government cannot account for over 3 billion dollars and yet they are asking for Union financial records. Standardized tests should not be linked to a teacher’s performance. Teachers should be dealing with curriculum. Our Canadian students are performing well. CTF appreciates Nunavut’s contribution.

Questions/Comments: A member shared a story about a group of teachers that visited Ottawa for the Teacher’s Institute on Parliamentary Democracy.

6. Minutes: Central Council May 12 - 13, 2012

A. Review/ Amendments

B. Adoption

The chair recommends the following motion:

*“Be it resolved that the minutes of the Central Council meeting of **May 12 - 13, 2012** be adopted as read.”*

Motion: Terry Young

Second: Bernadette O’Brien

Carried

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Session II

1st Call for resolutions from the floor

1. President's Report – Robin Langill
Robin made a few remarks about negotiations. Our Association continues to grow.
2. Vice President's Report – Heather Campbell
Communication with members is at times a problem. More members are using the NTA email system, this should be encouraged.
3. Secretary Treasurer's Report – John Fanjoy
We are debt free for the first time. This is a great thing for our organization.
4. Inuit Member at Large Report – Ellen Ittunga
The Inuit committee had conference calls. They developed a questionnaire for Inuit members. She will be stepping down in this position after this school year. She recommended the NTA hire an Inuit PIC.
5. Executive Director's Report – Emile Hatch
The relationship between the Employer and the NTA is changing. The Employer feels the NTA has too much control over "Employer" business. In the past the NTA was made aware of situations with teachers. That has changed this year. The NTA is not being advised of situations now. The Employer believes the NTA has too much to say about education, hiring practices, getting rid of teachers, and term vs. indeterminate contracts in Nunavut. We need to be aware of that.

He also discussed staffing protocols.

Emile made it known how happy he was to work for teachers, who are great individuals.

Adoption

The chair recommends the following omnibus motion:

"Be it resolved that the 2013 Annual Reports of the NTA Executive Members to Central Council be accepted."

Mover: Vince Pickett

Second: Terry Young

Carried

Refreshment Break

Session III

2nd Call for Resolutions from the floor

1. Regional Presidents' Reports:

A. Kitikmeot: Richard Kurtz

Richard Kurtz thanked his regional executive and Central Office. He made a few comments about his report. He complimented the teachers in his region for great teaching.

B. Kivalliq: Jim Kreuger

Jim thanked his regional executive. The region made communication a priority. The website and newsletter were started by the executive this year. On behalf of the regional executive, Jim thanked Robin for his help.

C. North Qikiqtani: Vince Pickett

Vince thanked his executive and the Central Office staff. He is looking forward to the next school year.

D. South Qikiqtani: Amy Smith

Amy had a positive experience in her first year as regional executive. She thanked her regional executive. She also thanked Robin. Moreover, she congratulated the new Central Executive for the coming year.

E. Central Qikiqtani: Terry Young

Terry thanked his regional executive. The regional executive focused on communication this past year. Terry thanked Robin and the NTA staff for their help.

I. Adoption

1. The chair recommends the following omnibus motion:

“Be it resolved that the Annual Reports of the NTA Regional Presidents to Central Council be accepted.”

Mover: Jim Kreuger

Second: Karen Campbell

Carried

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2. Standing Committee Reports:

A. Inuit Educators: Ellen Ittunga

This committee worked on 2 proposals: 1. They explored the possibility of a face-to-face meeting. 2. Reviewed the survey that was submitted to Inuit members.

B. Curriculum Support: Jim Kreuger

This committee met 5 times via conference call. They have 10 members. They spent most of their time developing “terms of reference” for their committee. Jim highlighted a few other points from the report. Jim wished Robin the best with his retirement.

Questions:

Are there elementary teachers on the committee? Yes, but the person did not attend any conference calls.

C. Discipline: Bernadette O'Brien

No issues arose over the past year. Bernadette thanked the members on the committee as well as the alternate members.

D. Legislative: Heather Campbell

The last face-to-face meeting was 4 years ago. There is still work to be done on resolutions discussed at that meeting with regards to updating the NTA By-law and Policy book. There should be another face-to-face meeting.

E. Public Relations: Richard Kurtz

Richard thanked Terry Young for his help on the Thank You For Making a Difference Campaign. He also thanked Brian Barry for his help. Richard was concerned that high school teachers were not submitting enough applications. Richard wondered if there should be a change with the program.

Comments: Comments focused on the way it is presented to the students. Suggestions were made. Perhaps it could be presented by somebody that is not the student's teacher.

F. Equity Issues: Heather Campbell

Heather thanked her committee. Also hopes that the NTA will consider hosting a CTF Women's Symposium in the future.

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G. Finance: John Fanjoy

John noted that he will discuss financial matters later on the agenda.

II. Adoption

1. The chair recommends the following omnibus motion:

“Be it resolved that the 2013 Annual Reports of the NTA Standing Committees to Central Council be accepted.”

Mover: Richard Kurtz

Second: Ed Flynn

Carried

3rd Call for Resolutions from the floor

Lunch Break

Session IV

FINAL CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. Special Committee Reports:

A. Education Leave Committee: Shannon Hessian

Shannon thanked the committee. She also listed the names that are going on Education Leave for 2013-14.

B. NEQS: Richard Kurtz

Richard identified the Committee. He mentioned a few recommendations of the committee. He mentioned that the process of moving applications through the Registrar's Office can be slow at times.

Comments/Questions:

Robin also made a few comments letting people know the role of this committee.

C. NPIC: John Fanjoy

John discussed how the committee works. John said the PD money is money of the NTA. John also thanked the members of the PD staff.

I. PD Coordinator: Shannon Hessian

Shannon thanked the group for their PD work. Shannon also discussed the individual/group PD week. Eighty-Eight percent participated in PD week. 720 applications were processed this year. Shannon also discussed PD week next year. Shannon made a few comments on Inuit Language of Instruction, Project-Overseas, Action Research, Specialist Councils, Online Database, NPIC and staffing.

Shannon also referenced the upcoming PD meeting between the GN and NTA on May 21-23, 2013. She closed with a few written comments that teachers wrote on their PD substantiation forms.

II. PD Orientation and Mentorship Coordinator: Helen Hoang

Helen presented her report. Some highlights included: Website development, names of working group, future steps.

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Helen also thanked her working group. Helen stated she would like to have the website working by April 2014. Helen thanked the Department of Education and the NPIC for their help.

Questions/Comments:

Can you have longer meetings? No because we cannot meet on the weekends.

D. Collective Bargaining: Robin Langill

This will be a difficult round of bargaining. Robin believes Article 16 will be under attack. This article deals with PD for teachers. The bargaining Team will need the support of the team sitting around this table and the membership.

E. CAP Representative: Terry Young

Terry gave a few highlights of the past year of the Canadian Association of Principals (CAP). He referenced his report and stated it was a great year for CAP.

F. CTF Francophone Committee Representative: Simon Houle

No report submitted.

G. Safe Schools Committee: Terry Young

Terry referenced his report. The group had a productive year.

H. Embrace Life Council: Heather Campbell

There has been a resurgence this year with this council. The council recently created an account on Twitter and Facebook, and has undertaken quite a few projects which were sent out to NTA members through the NTA email system.

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I. Adoption

1. The chair recommends the following omnibus motion:

“Be it resolved that the 2013 Annual Reports of the NTA Special Committees to Central Council be accepted.”

Mover: Heather Campbell

Second: Ellen Itunga

Carried

Refreshment Break

Session V

1. Consideration of Committee of the Whole

A. Auditor’s Report: John Fanjoy

John reviewed the audit.

Comments: We do not expect to use the line of credit we have taken out in paying off our mortgage.

I. Adoption

1. The chair recommends the following motion:

“Be it resolved that the 2011 - 2012 Auditor’s Report to Central Council be adopted.”

Motion: John Fanjoy

Second: Heather Campbell

Carried

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II. Motion:

1. The chair recommends the following motion:

“ Be it resolved that the NTA continue contract Mackay Landau Chartered Accountant for the 2013 – 2014 Audit for all NTA Accounts”

Motion: John Fanjoy
Second: Heather Campbell

Carried

John Fanjoy thanked the Finance Committee, and Brian Barry for his excellent work with the finances.

B. Report of the Standing Finance Committee: John Fanjoy

John discussed the following:

- I. Budget 2012 – 2013
- II. Budget 2013 – 2014

There were a few comments and minor questions on the proposed budget.

1. The chair recommends the following motion:

“ Be it resolved that the vote on the approval of the 2013 – 2014 NTA budget be deferred until after the assembly has dealt with all resolutions and motions that may have financial implications on the budget as proposed.”

Mover: John Fanjoy
Second: Joey Rhodes

Carried

Robin complimented John on the excellent job he has done as Secretary-Treasurer of the NTA.

Information Item:

Presidents’ Banquet

Frobisher Inn. 7:00pm Kajusi Room

Saturday 19:00 – 22:00

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Session VI 09:00 Sunday

1. Consideration of Resolutions: Heather Campbell

Heather addressed the group regarding the procedures.

Note that resolutions were published via the NTA email system to all members.

A. Bylaw Resolutions

Bylaw 7.3.1

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

Carried

James Ryan is appointed chair.

Bylaw 11.8

Motion: Robin Langill

Second: Richard Kurtz

Carried

Robin is given back the Chair.

Bylaw 14.3.2

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

The motion is defeated.

Bylaw 14.4.2.5

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

Carried

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Bylaw 4.2.1

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

Carried

B. Policy Resolutions

James Ryan stepped into the chair.

Policy 6.1.4 and 6.1.5

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

Carried

Robin stepped back to the Chair

Policy 15.2

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

Withdrawn

Policy 24

Motion: Jim Kreuger

Second: Sally Strutyński

Withdrawn

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C. Action Resolutions

Conference Honoraria

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

Withdrawn

Life Members

Motion: Heather Campbell

Second: Steve Campbell

Carried

AMCC Fund

Motion: John Fanjoy

Second: Richard Kurtz

Carried

Awards Committee

Motion: Jim Kreuger

Second: Mike Leone

Amendment to the motion: change “a” to “an” and adding *Ad Hoc*
Committee.

Motion: Vince Pickett

Second: Richard Kurtz

Carried

Amended Motion:

Carried

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Francophone Member at Large

Motion: Francois Ouellette

Second: Mihaela Diaconescu

Withdrawn

Motions from the floor:

Bylaw14

Bylaw 9

Bylaw 10.2.3

These resolutions will be considered for publication and voting for the 2014 AMCC.

Action Resolution to investigate changes to Bylaw 7, re: Francophone Member at Large

Moved: John Fanjoy

Second: Terry Young

Carried

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Refreshment Break

Session VII

1. Budget: John Fanjoy

A. The chair recommends the following motion:

1. *“ Be it resolved that the NTA 2013 – 2014 Budget be received.”*

Mover: John Fanjoy

Second: Heather Campbell

Carried

Session VIII

1. Date of AMCC 2014

A. The chair recommends the following motion:

- “ Be it resolved that the 2014 Annual Meeting of Central Council be held on May 10 – 11.”*

Mover: John Fanjoy

Second: Vince Pickett

Carried

2. Closing Remarks

A few closing remarks were made by Central Council and others present at the table.

Motion to Adjourn: Terry Young