

Meeting Minutes

Steering committee for the new vision process

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of this steering committee was held at the Department of Education building on Wednesday, November 25, 2015.

Attended by: Jill Mason, Robyn Murphy, Laura Lang, Deb Bartlette, Jennifer Wykes, Edith Elder, Judy Thrower, Scott Kerby, Holly Fraser, Tosh Southwick, Gary Morgan, Lorraine Taillefer, Marc Champagne and Judith Arnold.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

3. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

- Reviewed draft Terms of Reference for the Committee: purpose, members, guiding principles, budget, meeting minutes, communications, term and termination
- Summarized presentation about the new vision process recently given to school administrators and key themes from the October 7 meeting, including priority issue of mental health, work being done by the Diversity Committee, the need to reach out to Dept. of Health & Social Services and the ways that other partners could be involved (e.g. First Nations, Yukon College)
- Role of stakeholders and service providers involved in education in Yukon in the new vision process – to be determined
- Consideration of First Nations protocols as process moves forward – government-to-government relations, consultation and engagement (e.g. the review of the *Students Financial Assistance Act* and for the Yukon Literacy Strategy), approvals, etc.
- Outlined next steps and meeting schedule preferences for the Committee

4. ACTION ITEMS

- Education to revise draft Terms of Reference based on comments from members and provide updated version to Committee for review
- Committee to determine how to successfully engage students as partners in this process in a meaningful way, including asking them how they would like to be involved (e.g. the Our Voices First Nation youth group)

- Education to add additional past reports to reference materials (3 from school councils, and others from First Nations and French Immersion); Committee to advise Education of additional reports they would like included on this list [Criteria: reports must relate to high level findings about student performance across programs/schools]
- Education to add Yukon College to DM Friday Updates mailing list
- Deputy Minister to visit each school and community to talk about building a new vision together; Committee members to advise if they wish to accompany her on any of these visits

5. DECISIONS

- Committee shall serve a three year term and evaluate its progress at the end of the third year of this term.
- A secretary shall produce meeting minutes to be made available publicly after approval that summarize discussions, action items and decisions by the Committee
- Committee shall next meet on Friday, January 15, 2016, starting at noon. Agenda will include determining what to do with past reports/recommendations.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- The steering committee held its first meeting this week.
- It was attended by Jill Mason (Yukon Teachers' Association), Robyn Murphy (teacher), Laura Lang (school council), Deb Bartlette (Yukon College) Jennifer Wykes (Council of Yukon First Nations), Edith Elder (Catholic Education Association of Yukon), Scott Kerby (special programs), Tosh Southwick (First Nations Education Commission), Judy Thrower (Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education), Lorraine Taillefer (Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Schools), Holly Fraser (Director, Community Relations & Engagement) and me. We discussed our terms of reference, meeting schedule, and next steps together.
- Our next meeting will be in January, where we will be discussing what to do with the past reports and recommendations about education, priority action items and how to involve students as partners in this process in a meaningful way.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Deputy Minister to visit F.H. Collins Secondary School on January 6, 2-16
- Deputy Minister to visit Teslin in February