

taking it to his DEA for feedback. He will send it to us in the new year. He hasn't received any information from the Standing Committee as to when submissions are required. Lori Idlout of Iqaluit said she had read in the paper that input is requested to be in by January 11, 2008. Jeeteeta said she will read it over and prepare some comments. Jesse Idlout, with Nunavut Disabilities Society, stated he wanted the Coalition to support inclusive schooling in a new Education Act.

Katherine Trumper suggested the Coalition begin preparing a presentation for Jeeteeta to take before the Standing Committee. She heard from NTI that they had some concerns with some parts of the legislation and NTI is preparing comments for the Standing Committee.

Everyone agreed that Jeeteeta and Alice should go before the Standing Committee with a presentation on where the Coalition stands on Bill 21.

Research Project

Part of the money the Coalition received from Agriculture Canada was to search out research partners and do research within the communities. There is some funding available from the University of P.E.I. to plan meetings across Nunavut between DEAs and parents to discuss ways to improve relations between the schools and parents. Kathy Okpik, the Deputy Minister of Education and Navarana Beveridge from NTI were both very enthusiastic about it. There is a possibility of planning meetings in January or February.

Goals

The Coalition executive members discussed what they believed some of the goals of the Coalition should be. The members noted some of the problems DEAs across Nunavut were having:

Discipline issues

Staffing issues

DEA staff training, especially when considering discipline of school staff and the DEA is required to make recommendations

Developing alternative programs – will there be money available?

Children with disabilities – Coalition will need information and training in this area

The members felt at least one face-to-face meeting was needed to discuss the Goals for the next year. Alice will check out the costs for the executive members to meet in Kugluktuk. She will also get information on how Hamlet Staff Training is carried out.

Executive Director Pay Scale

Alice will do some research on what Executive Directors are paid in Nunavut and send the information on to Jeeteeta and Katherine to aid in determining the pay for a full-time executive director.

Teleconference ended at 4:12 p.m.

Date

Chairperson

Date

Office Administrator