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Summary Report

Annual General Meeting 2011 October 29 – 30 Submitted by Facilitator, Mary Wilman
October 31 submitted by Executive Director, Nikki Eegeesiak

Saturday - October 29

Welcoming remarks by CNDEA

The Chairperson, Willie Nakoolak started off with welcoming all the Nunavut DEAs. Arviat, Cambridge Bay, Apex, Member at Large were the communities and representative that could not come either because of weather or, they had other commitments.

Welcoming remarks by the Minister of Education

The Premier/Minister of Education of Nunavut had her opening remarks. In brief: The members were pleased to hear on the Government's continuing support for, and partnership with, the Coalition of Nunavut DEAs and for programs that support DEAs and promote Inuit language and culture in our schools. The members also heard her commitment to ensuring that schools promote a positive school environment for both students and parents. A copy of the follow-up letter was sent to all DEAs. To obtain another copy, please contact the office.

Signing Ceremony – CNDEA/Department of Education

The board of CNDEA has been negotiating Training and Cooperation Agreement since 2008. The board approved the agreement at its last board meeting, October 28. This led to a signing ceremony. The CNDEA will deliver DEA training on Board Governance and structures, policy development, and community engagement. Education will deliver Financial Accountability including bookkeeping and financial procedures, Administration of department funded programs, School Operations pertinent to the decision making of DEAs. Joint training sessions may be provided on: to ensure all DEAs understand the ability to interpret the Education Act, and to ensure office managers have the support to implement DEA driven decisions. In order for the success of these agreements, a working group will be established. All the DEA members received a copy of the agreements. Please contact the office to obtain another copy of the agreements.

Release of Documentary Video

A release of the documentary on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in Schools was released. Chairperson, Jacob Jaypoody from Clyde River, Chairperson Meeka Arnakaq from Pangnirtung, Principal of Pangnirtung, Lena Metuq, and Clyde River, Jukeepa Hainnu, along with student Shawn Suviga did introductory remarks on the documentary. This was a project with CNDEA, Government of Nunavut, Arctic Net, and University of PEI. All the Nunavut DEAs were given a copy of the documentary to take home to view with their DEAs and we hope to hear positive feedback from the DEAs. Please contact the office to obtain another copy of the video.

Facilitated Workshop # 1 How do we get more parents involved in their children's education.

DEAs were broken into groups to discuss” In brief, the members were having good discussion and liked to hear from other communities on what they do in their communities. Attached is a summary of group findings.

Presentation - National Inuit Education Strategy – President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK)

Mary Simon presented a update on the work they are doing with the National Inuit Education Strategy (NIES). ITK is starting the implementation of the NIES. The members were pleased to hear what stage this important strategy is at. It is good to see another education advocacy group working to better the Inuit education system in Nunavut and Nationally. She heard DEA concerns and issues. The Chairperson followed-up by letter in hopes of a opportunity opened the possibility of working closer with the CNDEA. The Chair also requested to be informed or involved in the implementation stages. The members will be kept informed on this.

DEA Issues/Concerns:

There were a total of ___ issues and concerns raised at the meetings. Some of them are new and some of them are not new. Attached is a copy of the items plus a implication of the items. From the items raised, the Chairperson submitted another written letter. The members will be kept informed on the progress, if any, is submitted to CNDEA. At this time, we ask you to continue sending your concerns to the office. A suggestion was made after the meetings if DEAs submit concerns, perhaps they can also send suggested ideas on how to work on eliminated the issue. Please contact the CNDEA for more information.

Public Feast

A feast was held at Nakashuk Elementary school. The members and public ate native foods, won awesome door prizes which were received by most of the DEA members.

Sunday – October 30

Presentation – Deputy Minister of Education

As per the Chairs written request to the Premier, the Deputy Minister of Education was to provide update and report on: Bilingual Education, Results of Multiple Graduation Options Pilot Project, DEAs Review of New Regulations, School Maintenance, How can we improve the response time, School Attendance. At the end of the updates and reports, the Deputy Minister was to have Q & A with DEAs on issues and concerns. The Deputy Minister provided administrative information on all but: School Attendance. The Executive Director questioned why the requested information on updates and reports were not presented. The Deputy Minister stated a written letter format will be given at a later date. The members will be given any written letters received.

Facilitated Workshop # 2 – “How can we improve school attendance in our Communities Facilitated Workshop # 3 – What Training do DEAs Need

There was a planned facilitated workshop on the above. Due to time constraint, both were not delivered, but the DEAs provided written training priority listing from the proposed items to cover. A summary of the priority listing is attached. At this time, we encourage the DEAs to have a

discussion on school attendance. We would appreciate the DEAs submitting your findings. Please contact the office for more information.

Update - DEA Operations Research

The Executive Director provided a history and update on the DEA Operations research and funding. Attached for your reference is the briefing note. The board and all members will be kept informed on the draft report expected in February.

Monday – October 31 - AGM

Minutes of October 21, 2010 and Special Meeting of February, 2011 were approved. The Chairperson and Executive Directors were presented, audited financial statements for 2010/2011 were approved. The CNDEA bylaws were reviewed and approved. Please note, the DEA members unanimously approved a board structure was changed to the following:

Each director elected (5) on the board represent communities from each regions (Qikiqtaaluk, Kitikmeot, Kivalliq) according to there terms in the communities.

5 Directors (elected from their groups) (representing communities in each Region)	1 Iqaluit Rep 1 Emeritus Member (voted by all members)
1 Commission Scholaire Francophone du Nunavut	
1 Nunavut Disabilities	

Election of Directors were delayed until January, 2011, with the exception of the Emeritus member. Lori Idlout was the only one nominated by the DEAs and she re-appointed as Emeritus member. The current Board of Directors members will continue until after elections.