

First Nation Education Commission (FNEC)

CYFN Administration Building

2166-2nd Avenue

Whitehorse, Yukon

August 8, 1:30-3:30

Meeting Minutes – Approved by Concensus

Attendance:

Tosh Southwick, Kluane First Nation Designate (by phone)
Shandell McCarthy, Champagne and Aishihik First Nation Designate
James Smarch, Teslin Tlingit Council Designate
Ingrid Johnson, Selkirk First Nation Designate (by videoconference)
Ashley Doiron, Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation Designate (by videoconference)
Michelle Kolla, Council of Yukon First Nations Acting Education Director
Vera Owlchild, Champagne and Aishihik Alternate
Robin Smarch, Teslin Tlingit Council Alternate
Julia Joe, Selkirk First Nation Alternate (by videoconference)
Lynn Rear, Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation Alternate (by videoconference)
Roberta Hager, First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun Observer
Jennifer Wykes, Council of Yukon First Nations Education Programs Coordinator

100% quorum was achieved based on YFNs signed on to the MOU with active appointments to FNEC.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Acceptance of Agenda
- 3) Memorandum of Understanding
- 4) Signatories and Yukon FN Appointees
- 5) Terms of Reference and Leadership Resolution (April 2013)
- 6) Education Department – Funding Agreements and Deliverables
 - a) Yukon Government
 - b) Government of Canada
- 7) Other
- 8) Next meeting date

1. Introductions

Round table introductions were completed. Roberta attended on behalf of Na-Cho Nyak Dun as they are contemplating signing onto the MOU and making an appointment to FNEC.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

The agenda was accepted with the following additions:

- a. a request for the appointment of interim chair and co-chair
- b. the distribution of Na-Cho Nyak Dun Resolution #: 002-2012 for review

Motion 1:	To accept the agenda as amended.
Moved by:	Shandell McCarthy
Seconded by:	Robin Smarch
Passed by:	Consensus

3. Memorandum of Understanding

The MOU was read out by Michelle Kolla. Questions arose regarding the connection between the MOU and FNEC. Specifically, clarification was requested on the matter of why only MOU signatories could make appointments to FNEC since they are separate entities. Clarification was provided that explained the connection between the FNEC Terms of Reference and the MOU. The funding from the EPP program supports FNEC meetings.

Clarification was also requested regarding the creation and implementation of the joint action plan referred to in the MOU, namely who would be involved in the process. Michelle Kolla explained that the joint action plan would be developed by a working group comprised of upper level representatives from each party (Yukon First Nations, Canada and Yukon) who have signed onto the MOU. Canada has expressed that they will not be an active member. At the request of active members (Yukon and Yukon First Nations), Canada may attend.

4. Signatories and Yukon FN Appointees

Michelle Kolla provided an update on current FNEC appointments and appointments in progress as well as an update on MOU signatories and parties (YFNs) contemplating signing on. Information and copies of the MOU and TOR were provided to all Yukon First Nation Chiefs. CYFN received a letter from Kwanlin Dun advising they would not be making an appointment to FNEC.

5. Terms of Reference and Leadership Resolution (April 2013)

The FNEC Terms of Reference and the Leadership Resolution 23-Apr-13 were read out by Michelle Kolla. Clarification was requested regarding membership, specifically whether Yukon would be represented on the Commission. Yukon would not be represented on the Commission but may be invited to attend at the request of active members. Canada also would not be an active member but would play a facilitator role. The TOR states that CYFN would be a member of FNEC and would perform FNEC's administrative functions.

It was further explained that YFNs can opt in and opt out of the MOU and FNEC at any time to allow for forward movement.

Questions also arose regarding the recognition of FNEC as the Central Indian Education Authority. It was understood by several members that Leadership had discussed FNEC's role at the April 2013 Leadership meeting. A request was made for the meeting minutes to clarify Leadership's decision on the recognition of FNEC as the CIEA. Furthermore, Michelle Kolla explained the next steps in proposing FNEC as the CIEA to Leadership. A briefing note and draft resolution would be required for distribution at the October 2013 Leadership meeting. Denise Beattie would require the documents no less than one week prior to the meeting. Shandell McCarthy and Tosh Southwick agreed to draft the briefing note and resolution to take to the next Leadership meeting for approval.

ACTION ITEMS:

- April 2013 Leadership Meeting Minutes to be distributed to FNEC members by Jennifer for information.
- A briefing note and resolution requesting recognition of FNEC as the CIEA will be drafted by Shandell McCarthy and Tosh Southwick and submitted to Denise for distribution at the October 2013 Leadership Meeting.

6. Education Department – Funding Agreements and Deliverables

- a) Yukon Government
- b) Government of Canada

Michelle Kolla provided a CYFN departmental update: despite the absence of the Director of Education, 2012-13 deliverables have been met and the reporting was completed; 2013-14 proposals have been completed and funding agreements are in place. FNEC members articulated that there was no need to review the activities for the year at this time, but would like copies of the contribution agreements with the activities. A request for the YFN Summit Report was also made and it was requested that all CYFN Education matters and activities be brought to FNEC.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jennifer to distribute YFN Education Summit Report and CYFN-YG/AANDC Contribution Agreements/CYFN Education activities to FNEC.

7. Other/Additions

Roberta Hager requests that the Commission review NND Resolution #002-2012 (Self Government Agreement Amendments – Dividing and Sharing Responsibility for Education) to determine overlaps/conflicts with the MOU.

A request was made for the appointment of an interim chair and co-chair until all appointments have been made: Tosh Southwick was appointed as interim chair; Shandell McCarthy was appointed as interim co-chair; adopted by consensus.

Motion 1:	To appoint Tosh Southwick as Interim Chair and Shandell McCarthy as interim co-Chair until all appointments are confirmed by YFNs.
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Moved by:

Seconded by:

Passed by: Consensus

An informal discussion arose regarding FNEC meeting logistics. Jennifer Wykes will put out a call for agenda items and compile a draft agenda prior to each meeting.

CYFN Education requests FNEC's and CELCs' input into a CELC accredited program/training courses.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jennifer Wykes will distribute the NND Resolution for review by FNEC.
- Jennifer Wykes to put out a call for agenda items prior to each meeting.
- FNEC and CELCs to consider options for a CELC accredited program.

8. Next meeting date

October 1st and 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00.