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Whitehorse, Yukon

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**9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Confirmed**

**Tab 4 Timed Item: Valerie Royle, Deputy Minister, Yukon Education**

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Review: Draft Yukon Literacy Strategy 2014-2024

***2:30-2:45 Refreshment Break***

**2:45-3:45**

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**3:45-4:00**

Discuss next steps for Yukon Literacy Strategy and Action Plan

Closing Comments

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In attendance:

Mark Wedge (Elder Representative)

Geraldine James (Carcross/Tagish First Nation Designate)

Tina Jules (Council of Yukon First Nations)

Tosh Southwick (Kluane First Nation Designate)

Tim Cant (Teslin Tlingit Council Designate)

Vera Owlchild (Champagne Aishihik First Nation Alternate)

Helen Loots (Liard First Nation Alternate)

Lynn Rear (Tr’ondek Hwetch’in First Nation Alternate)

Linnea Rudachyk (Ta’an Kwachan Council Alternate)

Jeremy McCulloch (Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation Alternate)

Janie Lee Silas (Ross River Dena Council Observer)

Lynn Sparks (Ta’an Kwachan Council Designate, attended in the PM)

Julia Joe (Selkirk First Nation Alternate, attended in the PM)

**8:45 a.m. Opening Prayer, Welcome and Introductions**

Mark Wedge led the opening prayer. Round table introductions were done.

**Tab 1 Review & Acceptance of Agenda**

Tosh reviewed the agenda. Minor change – Michelle Kolla will be coming in at 9:30 to provide some information.

Tim Cant suggests we have a pre-caucus discussion prior to visits with DM Valerie Royle, Shawn Kitchen (around stakeholder status) and Michelle Kolla (ie. around YNLC appointment).

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**Timed Item: 9:30 -10:00 a.m.**

**Graduation Committee: Lenora Minet, President**

Lenora Minet expressed her regrets. Tina Jules presented on the Yukon First Nation’s Graduation Society. Jennifer Wykes read the letter provided by Lenora Minet.

Mark Wedge suggested that FNEC begin thinking about a cultural/traditional *coming of age*, *rite of passage* shift in the way we recognise achievement (outside of eurocentric concepts of achievement). What do we want to see regarding recognising our people and ourselves for our knowledge and skills.

Graduation becomes a contentious and emotional topic (ie. around grad requirements). This is not the only issue. There are several issues concerning the transition from high school graduation to post-secondary that results in disappointment (ie. upgrading and college prep).

Vera Owlchild suggests a discussion with YC regarding a high school diploma course offered at the college.

Action:

Individual FNEC reps to

To put this on the next agenda

***10:15-10:30 a.m. Coffee Break***

**Tab 2 Joint Education Action Plan Update – Tosh Southwick & Roberta Hager**

Roberta Hagar sends her regrets. Tosh Southwick and Tina Jules provided and update. YG had stalled for quite some time throwing implementation off. We requested an explanation from Albert Trask.

Tina Jules read the letter of affirmation/endorsement from DM Valerie Royle and willingness to collaborate on an implementation plan. Diane Billingsly has taken the info back to Aboriginal Affairs. Tina clarified that AANDC will not be participating, rather will play a supporting role.

**JEAP & FNEC Multi-Year Funding – Tina Jules**

Tina shared extreme financial constraints (proposal-based and not secure). The concern is that JEAP is a cooperative arrangement (multi-year funding), but questions meagre core funding around YFN operations and activities. (Eg. We receive $170 000 annually, compared to YG’s millions.) Tina read through the briefing note, which provides the details.

At issue:

1. Divide and conquer;
2. Implementation action items to come through this table.

We have yet to discuss how and what we plan to implement. (Recent endorsement by YG.)

Mark Wedge provided some clarity in that we need to move onto the next step. The MOU is not binding. The next step will be the negotiation of a funding agreement.

Funding should not create competition (ie. multi year funding vs. local initiatives).

Mark Wedge mentions Section 54 under the Education Act, and legislated funding for the CIEA. Tosh Southwick shared mixed opinions on the part of Leadership as pertains to this. For now, work is on the JEAP. Tim Cant provided some historical context (ie. on the MOU which originally had funding attached to it). Yet, there are areas within the JEAP (ie. capacity building), which will require funding without explicitly saying so.

We need to define our needs first before we request funding. Central work will not/cannot detract from local initiatives.

Mark Wedge suggests a contractor to draft a proposal to the feds to tap into their 1.8 billion requesting a decent pot (ie. 50 million) to roll out Yukon initiatives (ie. a school).

Tosh Southwick suggests a letter requesting $250 000 / year for 3 years to support FNEC in its work to implement JEAP, inclusive of meetings and full time administrative support.

**11:15-12:00 Timed Item: Michelle Kolla, CYFN, Executive Director (Awaiting Confirmation)**

**YFN Language Centre & CYFN GA Resolution Update**

There was a pre-caucus discussion concerning the YNLC. (John Ritter transitioning out, Roseanna Goodman transitioning in).

A roundtable was done:

Questions were raised around Roseanna’s appointment to the position by CYFN. FNEC should have a hand in the hiring process. The importance of language revitalization was stressed. Another question was raised regarding a strategic plan. If so, FNEC should be involved. We should also be involved in change and developments at YNLC. (One of FNEC’s priorities is language.) YFNs have had difficulty accessing info and materials from the YNLC resulting in a high level of frustration. However, there has been a shift from preservation to revitalization.

Michelle entered the meeting.

Michelle Kolla read the resolution at the last AGA Leadership meeting, June 26, 2014 and provided an update on the YNLC. The current priority is the transfer of management and corporate knowledge. Michelle clarified that Roseanna is on a 10 month term as Acting Director (the only employee of CYFN) after which the position will go to an open competition. (John Ritter is on contract. Other staff members are YG employees.) The hiring of Roseanna was due to urgency because of the start of the school year and a record number of registrants due to SGS Language Revitalization initiative. Anyone can drop in anytime (reflecting internal change).

SGS has a working group: representatives from each community (whose role is to secure funding for language nests and master apprentice programs). Erin Linklater has taken over from Sean Smith’s position on Language Revitalization and SGS is working on a strategic plan. Michelle also provided information regarding the ALI funding (Aboriginal Language Initiative). Funding used to flow through CYFN, but leadership decided to decentralise. A template proposal was drawn up by Sean Smith to help YFNs secure language funding.

Tim Cant expressed the frustration on the part of communities regarding access to information.

Mark Wedge asks how FNEC can advise the direction to Leadership and communities.

CYFN Strategic Plan – Leadership will advise CYFN concerning language.

Discussion on legislative and assessment tools to bring language into the classroom (criteria and requirements).

Actions:

Michelle Kolla to provide SGS language committee membership and the list of Elders with YNLC to FNEC.

Michelle Kolla to draft a briefing note on the YNLC and CYFN resolutions regarding language for FNEC to take back to their Leadership and communities.

Motions:

FNEC recommends that they play a direct role in the restructuring of the YNLC and the hiring process regarding the Director’s position.

The creation of

Motion to be thought out

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Tina Jules reviewed the diagram describing the number of boards and committees. FNEC needs to be able to manage / balance its representation on the committees as well as the workload. DM Val Royle will present tomorrow on ADM Albert Trask’s proposal regarding YG’s boards. The role of YFN EAC will be affected by the proposed changes. Tina read the YFN EAC TOR and explained how the committee has changed over time.

Table open for comment on the FNEC organizational chart. One mention of the addition of FNPP which reports to the ADM. Move YFN Education Department under YFN Governments and make mention of committees. Distinguish between YG Education (K-12) and post-secondary.

Table open for comment on the YFN EAC roles, responsibilities and mandate. The agenda is decided by YG and is only an advisory committee. It was suggested that CELCs/ESWs/EOCs provide the advising to YG. They are more familiar with the day to day operations of the school and it would be a good capacity building opportunity for them. It was suggested that the two groups come together to open up discussion and linkages. FNEC should play a higher level role. It was also noted that there are too many committees. A question was posed: is YFN EAC even still relevant? Mark Wedge provided background info (ie. drawing on the Education Act) to discuss the legislated power of the CIEA. Tina Jules also proposed that “advice” be through FNEC. Funds used to bring YFN EAC in for meetings can be transferred to FNEC where FNEC sets the agenda.

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