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MEETING 697

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board, for the School year 2007-2008, held via conference call on April 8, 2008 at 10:01 a.m.

PRESENT:

Charlie Watt Jr	Vice President	Kuujuuaq
Willie Cain Sr	Executive Committee Member	Tasiujaq
Martin Scott	Council of Commissioners Member	Aupaluk
Molly Tayara	Council of Commissioners Member	Salluit
Adamie Alayco	Council of Commissioners Member	Akulivik
Sarah Beaulne	Council of Commissioners Member	Puvirnituq
Piatsi M. Lamoureux	Council of Commissioners Member	Ivujivik
Alacie Nalukturuk	President	Inukjuaq
Samuel Nuktie	Council of Commissioners Member	Umiujaq
Mary Roussel	Council of Commissioners Member	Kujjuaraapik
Eli Aullaluk	KRG Representative	Akulivik

ALSO PRESENT:

Annie Grenier	Director General
Mary Aitchison	Assistant Director General
Harriet Keleutak	Secretary General
Maggie Putulik	Interpreter

The following persons upon the invitation of the chairperson of the meeting, attended or took part in the deliberations of the meeting:

Louise Boissé	Associate Secretary General
Gaston Pelletier	Director Education Services

ABSENT:

Charlie Tukkiapik (Charlie is attending a Council meeting in Quaqtaq)	Council of Commissioners Member	Quaqtaq
Adamie Tomassie (Adamie has medical appointment)	Council of Commissioners Member	Kangirsuk
Charlie Alaku (Charlie could not be reached)	Executive Committee Member	Kangiqsujuaq
David Annanack (David has a death in his family)	Council of Commissioners Member	Quaqtaq

1 QUORUM AND OPENING OF THE MEETING

With a quorum of the members of the Council of Commissioners of the Kativik School Board being present at 10:33 a.m. on April 8, 2008. Opening prayer led by Eli Aullaluk.

2 NOTICE OF MEETING

The President ascertained that all members of the Council of Commissioners have received notice of this meeting.

3 CHAIRPERSON

On a motion moved by Eli Aullaluk and seconded by Molly Tayara, Alacie Nalukturuk is appointed to chair the meeting.

4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Alacie Nalukturuk reads the agenda. The Agenda was modified and adopted as attached to the minutes as **Annex I**.

On a motion moved by Willie Cain Sr. and seconded by Sarah Beaulne, the agenda is approved, with five absent.

5 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL / SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008-2009

Gaston Pelletier, explained to the meeting about the new school calendar for 2008-2009. He suggested to the meeting to go with the status quo. He said he met with the older school principals and they have agreed to the proposal. They will form an official committee that will review the collective agreement and JBNQA to come up with a proposal that will suit everyone. It will consist of 200 days, with 180 days of school time and 20 pedagogical days. The subject-matter is pending and we will have to deal with the union. He also said that the regional pedagogical days would have to be cancelled due to shortage of staff.

Mary Aitchison said that we have no choice but to go ahead since teachers recruitment is being done and the school organizations are being planned. There are no more time for delays.

Alacie wants to know if five cultural days could be added. Mary said that it would be part of next year's school calendar.

Charlie Watt Jr. said that when they meet with their Education Committees they will have to inform them that there could not be an agreement.

The schools of the Kativik School Board will open on August 15, 2008 and close on June 19, 2009.

Eli Aullaluk would like to get more information since he was absent at the last meeting.

Alacie explained to the meeting that since the union did not agree with our proposal we will go back to status quo.

On a motion duly moved by Charlie Watt Jr., and seconded by Martin Scott, the following resolution no. 2007-2008-25 is approved with ten (10) in favor, five (5) being absent.

WHEREAS each Commissioner has been consulted on the guidelines for school 2008/2009 and school calendar for 2008/2009;

WHEREAS the Council of Commissioners has been consulted and submitted recommendations with respect to the guidelines for school calendar for the school year 2008/2009;

RESOLVED:

THAT a committee will be formed to examine the pros and cons for a shorter school calendar to be implemented in 2009/2010:

RESOLVED:

THAT the guidelines for the uniform school calendar of all schools attached to the minutes as **Annex II**, and school calendars for the school year 2008/2009 as attached to the minutes as **Annex III**, are hereby highly approved.

Mary Roussel joins the meeting at this time.

**6 THREE (3) PROPOSALS BY MELS RE: SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009
(EDUCATION FOR NON-INUIT, HOME SCHOOLING AND TUTORING)**

Annie explained to the meeting that they have been in a meeting with Native Affairs concerning home schooling in Nunavik in French. The government is pushing the school board to come to a decision. Joé Juneau has been in contact with the Minister about this issue.

Mary Aitchison said that according to our language policies and collective agreement, students may be home schooled but there was always some clauses that were not clarified such as tutoring and it has been very difficult to deal with these issues.

Those involved in the discussions did not want to consider options only for Mr. Juneau and his family so they have been considering all French people living in

Nunavik. She also explained to the meeting that KSB has considered its mandate, objectives and language policies during these discussions. She also said if we had to evaluate these students in French and English, we have a shortage of staff. With the first proposal, we would just use ready-made proposals and it would be in conflict with KSB's mandate and objectives.

Harriet read the three proposals set on the table, the copy of the proposal is attached to the minutes as **Annex III**.

Charlie Watt Jr. said that it is a clear explanation. We all know KSB is the leader of education in Nunavik and must therefore provide education to all students. Considering its mandate, objectives and language policies, he would go with proposal number two. We also have to consider other non-Inuit that are living in the territory without minimizing the strength of our language policies and mandate.

Martin has to leave the meeting.

Adamie Alayco said that he would go with the proposal number two. But we would have to make sure that nothing is changed on the JBNQA or does it weaken the KSB's mandate ?

Mary Aitchison said that KSB is a non-ethnic school board and must serve everyone.

Annie said that we may be challenged and that they told the government that they have to abide by the mandate and objectives given by the Council of Commissioners and inform them that as Inuit we have to preserve and protect the Inuit language.

Molly Tayara said that this would be of interest to many non-Inuit living in the territory.

Mary said that this would be a home schooling with funds from the MELS and they would just provide with a better follow-up with a coordinator at KSB.

After discussion, it is decided that they will go with the proposal number two (2).

On a motion duly moved by Alacie Nalukturuk, and seconded by Adamie Alayco, it was resolved to adopt the following resolution no. 2007-2008-26, it is approved with ten (10) in favor, five (5) being absent.

WHEREAS the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport ("MELS") has approached the Kativik School Board ("KSB") with three (3) proposals regarding its participation in clarifying for the year 2008-09 the means available to non-Inuit studying in Nunavik;

WHEREAS such proposed solutions must not be

detrimental to the Inuktitut first language of instruction and must be made to benefit only non-Inuit students;

WHEREAS it is understood by MELS that KSB's priorities are set out in its Mission Statement and the application of its language policy must not be impeded;

WHEREAS the three (3) MELS proposals have been reviewed and discussed by the Commissioners;

RESOLVED:

THAT the following proposal could be accepted for the school year 2008-09, with the conditions hereafter stated:

Proposal 2, on a trial basis;

THAT the Director General be and is hereby authorized to sign any contract or document necessary to give effect to the present resolution.

CLOSING OF A MEETING

On a motion moved by Molly Tayara and seconded by Willie Cain Sr. the meeting is closed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 on April 8, 2008, since the agenda is completed.

Alicie Nalukturuk
President

Annie Grenier
Director General

Harriet Keleutak
Secretary General