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Advisory Committee for Yukon Education

September 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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| Location: | Westmark Hotel Whitehorse – Meeting Room 5 |
| Invited partners: | Yukon Teachers' Association, principals, school council chairs, AYSCBC, CSFY, CEAY, CYFN, FNEC, Yukon First Nations, Yukon College |
| Attendance: | Nicole Morgan, Paula Thompson, Tony Vivone, Lorraine Taillefer, Rose Sellars, Marc Champagne, Cynthia Lyslo, Elaine Taylor, Janet Welch, Scott Kerby |
| Regrets: | Sue Harding, Tosh Southwick, Sandra Henderson, Gary Morgan, Laura Lang |

Introduction and roundtable | DM Nicole Morgan

Nicole Morgan introduced herself to the group and informed the group that there have been organizational changes at the department and that there are now three ADMs at Education instead of four. All three ADMs are a now part of this committee.

Recap committee work | DM Nicole Morgan

Nicole gave some history about the committee

- 2011-2016 New Horizons
- New Vision was announced in Spring 2015 and a meeting in Fall of 2015 brought together partners to start the building a new vision for education in Yukon
- A steering committee was struck and the decision was made to continue to follow BC's curriculum
- Prior to the Government of Yukon election in November 2016, the committee became an advisory committee; the advisory committee worked to inform the Department's priorities for the new curriculum and modernization of learning in Yukon.
- The result is the Living in Yukon Thriving in Life bubble documents were created by the advisory committee

Information was provided about the Living Yukon and Thriving in Life visual communication project <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/curriculum-artwork.html>

Scott Kerby talked about his thoughts and experience on the committee as an educator

Review updated Terms of Reference | All

The revised terms of reference (TOR) were reviewed and membership was discussed. The committee will be expanded to include additional School Council Chairs and Educators; urban, rural, elementary and secondary. First Nation representation is to be determined by the Chiefs Committee on Education. Under the existing terms of reference members will hold their position until April 2019. All new members will have a two-year term, which is now aligned with school council elections.

As there are several new members on the committee, the Values section of the TOR was briefly discussed and the committee will work together to co-construct values at the next meeting.

Department structure and commitments | DM Nicole Morgan

An update was provided on the changes of the department structure. There is no longer a Public Schools branch or Advanced Education Branch. There are now three branches, Corporate Services, Policy and Partnerships and Schools and Student Services, which all have responsibility from "cradle to careers." Schools and Students Services now includes Technology and Student Information and Training Programs (student financial assistance and apprenticeship). Postsecondary and Labour Market Programs is under Policy and Partnerships. A new performance and analytics unit has been created under Corporate Services.

Information was provided about the Department's Business Plan various commitments that have been made by Education. These include the Joint Education Action Plan (JEAP), the Rural Education Action Plan, education agreements with First Nations.

Curriculum and assessment | A/ADM Paula Thompson

C&A implementation update:

An update was provided background on the of the work over the last few years. This committee looked at all the past reports and recommendations and made decision to continue to follow BC's curriculum.

K-9 curriculum was introduced during the 2015/16 school year. Implementation of the grade 10 curriculum is on track for this school year. There was a delay for the grade 11 and grade12 curriculum, which will be implemented next school year (2019-20). Paula provided an example of a integrated learning activity, shelter building, and spoke about the changes in assessment an report and showed examples student self-assessment.

- feedback is provided to parents throughout the year through informal reporting, Freshgrade, emails, phone calls, student portfolio
- iBook created; iBook gaining international attention

Teacher evaluation and school growth | ADM Lorraine Taillefer

Teacher Evaluation: Over the last two school years, the teacher evaluation committee has done extensive work to move towards competency based teacher evaluation, based on the Danielson model. Teacher evaluation will align with the new competency based curriculum. Implementation is beginning and new hires will be evaluated using this new model. Teacher evaluation will be expanded to 2nd year probationary teachers next year. Permanent teachers will be evaluated on a three-year cycle and will be evidence-based. To support principals, the regional principal will receive training. School Growth Planning is moving towards a Spirals of Inquiry model. The previous model was based on appreciative inquiry and the scope was biased. This new model is more focused and puts the student at the centre.

Technology and learning spaces | A/ADM Tony Vivone

Tony gave a presentation on Technology and learning spaces that provided an overview on the guiding principles and the planning work that has been as Education works on a five-year and ten-year capital plan for larger capital projects. Education is also looking at way to revitalize smaller spaces in school to align with the new curriculum.

Yukon College leaning commons – is a recent example of modernizing learning spaces

Actions and working groups

Student advisory voice | DM Nicole Morgan

Performance outcomes | DM Nicole Morgan

School growth planning | DM Nicole Morgan

Working groups were discussed and it was decided that invitations will be sent for the working groups.

Actions

Committee members:

- review terms of reference and provide feedback

Education:

- new version of teacher evaluation and school planning documents to be provided to the committee (Nov 29?)
- results achieved column to be added to the year 1 and year 2 summary and shared at next meeting
- book: From Campfire to Holodeck
- upload to SharePoint:
 - links to ibook and curriculum videos
 - beyond PD document
 - upload curriculum presentation

Closing

Next steps and thanks | DM Nicole Morgan

It was decided that the group would come together again in November.

Additional Information:

- Documents required for our meeting can be located on SharePoint. To access please visit <https://yukonnect.gov.yk.ca/collab/edu-c1/acye/layouts/15/start.aspx#/>
- Contact Amanda Daub at amanda.daub@gov.yk.ca or (867)667-5126 for questions related to travel, food requirements and SharePoint access.