Education Partners' Group Meeting – January 12, 2010

The Education Partners Group includes some of the most significant stakeholders in the BC education system, including First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC, First Nations Schools Association, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, BC Ministry of Education, BC Teachers' Federation, BC College of Teachers, BC School Trustees Association, BC Superintendents Association, BC Confederation of Parents Advisory Council, and the BC Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, United Native Nations and, Metis Nation BC.

In 2007 the group developed six goals to advance success in education relating to First Nations, Aboriginal and Metis Nations. Since the introduction of the goals there has not been too much advancement on achieving the goals. The purpose of the meeting was to re-affirm the goals with a view to improve, modify, add and clarify as needed. This discussion took the better part of the day with active facilitation. At the end of the day there was a commitment from each stakeholder to take the goals back to their respective organizations with a view to endorse the goals as appropriate and provide leadership within their own organization to promote the goals.

At the time of writing the goals have not been distributed to all groups but should be attainable through the FNESC.

There was also a suggestion to invite other education partner groups to this group. Various attendees committed to follow-up with other representative groups to extend this invitation. A working group was planning to meet the week of January 18th to consolidate the notes from the meeting as well as coordinate further activities.

Respectfully submitted,

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