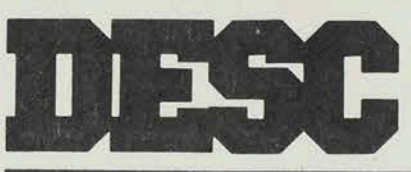


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NOTES ON DESC STEERING GROUP MEETING  
HELD ON June 11, 1984  
BCTF BUILDING

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| Present: | J. Finnbogason | CIEA             |
|          | T. Beardsley   | CIEA             |
|          | G. Errington   | CUPE             |
|          | T. Roberts     | CFS              |
|          | D. Morgan      | CFS              |
|          | G. Bailey      | VMREU            |
|          | P. Clarke      | BCTF             |
|          | T. Hutchison   | BCTF             |
|          | J. Duvall      | Capilano College |

Next Meeting  
August 23, 1984  
10 a.m.  
UBC Campus

A. Cornes and J. Malcolmson of the BCTF were present to discuss the social atlas.

Apologies for absence: Jean Williams, AUCE

1. Social Atlas

CIEA and BCTF are co-operating on the production of a social atlas which will assist users to assess socio-economic need and educational opportunity within the province's 75 school districts and 15 college regions.

Illustrative maps, charts, etc. will be developed by computer model based on statistics from the 1981 census and recent provincial data. Slide sets, overheads and interpretive notes will be developed from the atlas, stored in the BCTF Resources Centre and made available to interested groups. The project should be finished by late September.

2. Publicity

A major aspect of the meeting on August 23 will be putting together an information package. This will cover layoffs and terminations, effects on programs, program closures and cutbacks, student assistance, or lack of it, limitations on access to education and implications of government education policies.

This information will be used in early September to coincide with school and college opening. Information will be released to the media, a DESC press conference will be held on it and individual DESC members will also publicize their concerns.



Media coverage and other publicity will be used to tie in with the activities of the day of concern on education (September 22) and with the lead up to school board elections.

### 3. Elections

A sub-committee of Beardsley, Bailey and Hutchison will prepare a report on fall election strategy for the August 23 meeting.

### 4. Day of Concern

This will be a topic at the BCTF summer conference (August 19-24 at UBC). Pat Clarke will report to DESC.

### 5. Commissions

BCTF reported that its representative assembly had approved \$500,000 towards a commission on education. This is envisaged as broadly based, with a staff, an office and the capacity to follow up with a variety of networks. It was agreed that contact had to be made with Solidarity Coalition on the relationships between the people's commission and the education commission. Pat Clarke will report as plans firm up.

### 6. Finances

It was agreed that a \$200 start-up grant be sent to the North Coast DESC group. CFS contributed \$500 and other members will add \$1,000 on the usual pro-rated basis for ongoing, interim expenses of DESC.

### 7. DESC Role

There was general agreement that DESC continue as the umbrella group for expressing educational concerns, reporting to and working with Solidarity.

DESC will:

- collate and publicize information on education
- share information and provide mutual support for members in bargaining and legislative areas
- work on reaching the public in activities surrounding the day of concern, or other projects
- assist in establishing regional DESC groups.

DESC is now in approximately the same position as it was before the July 1983 legislation and the fall strike. At that time it was promoting regional education conferences, regional DESC groups and seeking to influence voters at school board elections.

It is envisaged that the DESC core group be that of employees in the education system and students, working with parent and community groups on specific projects as necessary.

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