**EEPSA executive meeting – March 11, 2014**

Location: Cotto restaurant, Burnaby, BC

 In attendance: Selina Metcalf, Laurelei Primeau, Dallas Plensky, Jonathan Dyck, Kerri Lanaway, Vanessa Lee, Donna Boucher (sec)

Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm

1. Catching up (all)
2. BCTF business

PSAC update (SM) - bctf will be starting a new portal for teacher resources –Teach BC – ready in June; they would like PSA’s to populate with resources; teachers would provide resources and it would be shared with everyone.

Release Days – EEPSA needs to develop criteria for release days for members; Selina receives the applications and as a team, we would decide what to budget for it. (further discussion later in meeting)

Curriculum – official word from bctf is that the ministry is just looking for feedback at this point; Selina questioned the environmental ed missing but it still may need to be uploaded; we could petition the bctf with our thoughts; Selina suggested EEPSA reps send their feedback and give message to Walking the Talk.

Financials update (LP) – we received our per capita grant $5000 so we now have $10,000.

Membership update (LP) – 198 current members up from 186 in Dec. – 100 bctf members

Criteria for release Days for EEPSA members (SM)-a) first step would be to look at district resources to see if that has been exhausted; b) needs to support the EEPSA goals and vision; c) how will the info learned be shared with the larger community?; d)the actual cost needs to be determined (differs between TOC and regular teacher);e) need to put limit on how many days you can apply for.

 Selina suggested we should allocate 5 days per fiscal year (maximum $1500). Applications will be approved on case by case basis at his point. Selina will look at other psa’s and bring her research back to our next meeting.

1. Outreach and communication (VN) – no report
2. Previous business

New Teacher’s conference (VL, KL, DB, BF, JD) – good turnout overall but some people did not attend workshop (50 signed up but only 30 showed up). New teachers were very excited about what they were learning. We should take more Green Teacher Books with us next time since they were a “hot” item (Donna sold the display items – sorry Bruce☹).

1. Upcoming business

Annual General Meeting (ALL) –Surrey Nature Centre on May 24; Selina will send out agenda later, but it will include lunch and a tour. In the afternoon we will focus on the new curriculum and visioning for the new year. Information needs to go out on the listserve and the website.

ACTION: Selina will send agenda to Jonathan and Vanessa will put it out to various locations and listserve

EECOM Leadership Clinic (KL, BF) – Kerri will be attending ; she has put in 2 applications- one for psa grant ( bctf) and one to Leadership Clinic (accepted); goal to network with new members in the Kooteneys – Selina suggested aligning with CBEEN and EECOM members ; new curriculum will also be part of the discussion; plan to come back with “next steps” for EEPSA.

ACTION: Kerri will send out details and apply for funding from EEPSA to cover some of the costs.

“Actively Engaged” conference in Williams Lake (SM, JD) – Selina will be going to the conference on May 9 (Jonathan will check his schedule to see if he is still available). 2 workshops – “Community Mapping” and “Creative Writing”. All conference participants will become EEPSA members. EEPSA will cover transportation costs for Selina.

Group of Teachers in William’s Lake interested in starting a LSA. At this point, we still have $1000 in our account towards this. EEPSA will contribute some food costs.

PQT partnership with BCTELA – we have applied for $5000 grant to engage members in a literary map of BC.
The grant would be for release time for teachers to get together to pursue this. The teams would come together at the fall conference then showcase their findings in the following year.

Next meeting at AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.