**November 2013**

**EEPSA executive meeting**

Location - Central City Pub – SFU Surrey

In attendance : Selina Metcalf, Bruce Ford, Laurelei Primeau, Anita Georgy, David Zandvleit, Donna Boucher

Start at : 5:40

1) Introductions and Catching Up (All)

2) BCTF business

PSAC update (JD) – Jonathon will give update at next meeting

Financial Report (LP) – per capita grant has not arrived yet; Selina will submit conference fees on Friday

3) Outreach

Communication (VN) – Vanessa could not attend but Selina will post conference presentations on the website

4) Previous business

October PSA conference with OCC and SPES (JD, SM)

Anita thought it was “fabulous” – great networking with other educators who she doesn’t often get to see. She heard good feedback – positive comments from most participants as well as presenters.

Selina felt the caliber of the presenters was outstanding – lots of inspiring projects and ideas’

The only thing that could have been improved was organizing the schedule and sending to participants ahead of conference

Hope to hear an update from OCC on their perception of the conference

5) Upcoming business

a) Winter solstice event (BF, VL) – discussion followed

Suggested SFU Surrey – David will see if there is space available; Bruce suggested Fraser River Discovery Centre, Vancouver Aquarium.

Vanessa and Bruce will look at possible dates and venues then report back to executive; possible date Dec 13

b) New Teacher’s Conference – Donna has reserved a table which we can share with WILD BC, Metro Vancouver and SPEC. Selina will monitor the table on Friday; Donna will monitor it on Sat.

Vanessa has applied for a 2 hr session presenting Nurture with Nature/ Get Outdoors workshop.

c) Conference for May 9, 2013 - SD 27 LSA in Williams Lake are

interested in co-hosting with eepsa. Focus will be on place-based education. More details at next meeting.

6) Other Business

a) Curriculum revisions (SM, PR) – Selina proposes that we spend part of our retreat addressing the draft

b) IEL (David) –The Institute of Environmental Learning was nominated for RCE awards which David will be picking up in Narobi next week (congrats David!) Future of RCE is uncertain so David will be involved in the conversations and will let us know what develops. IEL is involved in post-secondary research and is interested in having imput in new curriculum . The institute is continuing to develop international relationships (ie Indonesia) and focusing on research.

c) WTT (Bruce) - Walking the Talk network funding has run out. it has been supported recently by David’s Institute of Environmental Learning. EEPSA has been at the table, since beginning and is invited to be part of the revisioning efforts to revitalize the network . Ongoing conversations with eepsa members, with Bruce’s proposal for interested groups to imput some funds to continue, but separate from the research function. Eepsa could be part of the collaborative team if they commit to providing some funds. Metro is interested in supporting WTT and hopes other parties join in.

d) EECOM/CBEEN (Bruce) Regional Clinic in April 2014 (26-29) and they will be looking for eepsa’s imput – 4 team members are invited to come (its about 1.5 hrs from Canmore where Earth Matters Conference is taking place).

Other update -Carlos – NAAEE would like to partner with EECOM for an upcoming conference

Next meeting:

# January retreat – Selina will check into Manning Park for executive retreat in Jan and report back to us with the details.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 28 pm