***EEPSA executive meeting* – January 27, 2015**

Location: The Hub Restaurant, New Westminister, BC

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

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

1. Catching up (all)
2. BCTF business

PSAC update (JD) – still working towards a “super conference” in 2017; next PSAC meeting on Feb 27 (not official); new teachers conference was cancelled and other events have been cancelled to save money.

Teach BC website will be a good source for a number of resources which eepsa can use to share their ideas, lessons, workshops etc. Contact info is also provided.

Financials update (SM) – Selina gave update for Jasmin who could not attend - income -$7432 in eepsa account plus another $5000 grant coming. Exec needs to consider how to best allocate the funds. The money is there to spend to support member engagement and is encouraged by the bctf. Bring ideas forward.

Expenses - $500 has been spent on the 4th Winter Solstice event. Bruce thanked everyone at eepsa on behalf of Walking the Talk for their participation and promotion of the event.

Membership update (LP) – Laurelei gently reminded Jonathan to update his membership. 167 current members, with 70 that are bctf affiliated. There are more renewals coming in. Bruce suggested that eepsa send out reminders to renew.

ACTION: Laurelei and Dallas are going to meet about membership lists, listserve and communications. They will bring it to the next meeting for the exec to consider.

1. Member Outreach (JD) – how to engage local executive members as well as other chapters. What are the other possibilities?
Discussion followed.

\*Local Meetings - Options- JD suggested meeting less frequently on a weekend. VL – have meetings at member houses – pot luck; BF – meetings are collegial and comfortable as they are now, whereas if it’s in a meeting room, it will not be as enjoyable; JD suggested having business meeting first, then eating dinner. SM suggested have sub-committee meetings with Skype available, then have reports presented at regular exec meetings. For members who are further away, we could have them come to the winter solstice, AGM and special events. BF suggested members send their comments in before meetings, skype when possible, and we keep with our present protocol.

\*Local Chapters/LSA’s (SM)- Selina reported on what is available

 a) can make others aware of PQT(Program for Quality Teaching) opportunities – Selina is contact and will provide details

 b) eepsa can provide 5 release days for members presenting Env. Ed in their district

 c) we have $1000 a year allocated for LSA’s. A teacher can start with one other teacher and have a meeting – pursue pro-d, collaboration, inquiry, community events etc.

ACTION: Selina and Dallas will take a release day to explore opportunities for members to pursue Env. Ed. across the province.

1. Upcoming business

New Curriculum : Patrick Robinson and Kerry Morton were appointed to be on the committee in charge of the new Science curriculum. It is only in the draft stage and tentatively will be put in action in Sept. Vanessa is on a committee that will give feed-back to Patrick and Kerry, so please send your thoughts to Vanessa. Selina said we are strongly represented in Science but need to get our voices heard in the Social Studies dept. Bruce would like to know who is on the Social Studies committee? We will have more details on what is happening with the new curriculum for the next meeting.

5) Event Reports

\*Solstice Event (BF) – huge success with many attendees at the Vancouver Museum. Thanks again to eepsa from Walking the Talk and to Carlos for helping to host.

\*Port Alberni Workshop (KL)- Kerri went to develop connections and find other opportunities to promote Env. Ed. She had a positive experience with the pro-d chair –Stephanie and may pursue future opportunities.

6. Upcoming Pro- D Opportunities (JD )

\* Langley – Feb 20 – Eco-Literacy in the 21st century – Jonathan will be running these workshops - info to come out soon. (Langley Odyssey)

\* Vernon – Feb 20 – Classrooms to Communities – Kerri will be running these workshops – she will do Classroom to Communities in morning , then Get Outdoors in afternoon.

\* Chilliwack – May 1 – Get Outdoors – still not sure who is available

ACTION: Donna will discuss details with Chilliwack District, forwarding info to Vanessa Lee and Kerri Morton. Donna will help facilitate if Get Outdoors reps are available to run workshop.

 \*Coquitlam – April 17 at Capilano Watershed – Vanessa is planning 3 streams going – Project Wet; Capilano LSCR; Fraser River Discovery Zone.Membership will be with Interpretation Canada.

 7). Other Business:

AGM – (JD) – any suggestions on AGM? Jonathan suggested a summer solstice event combined with the AGM. Selina suggested deferring the AGM to Oct. Pro-D. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

Kerry Morton sent information on a pro-d opportunity on Oct. 2015 in Mission at a ranch. It will involve Wild BC facilitators and offer opportunities for teachers to attend workshops on Friday. More info to follow. Eepsa has been invited to help facilitate. Pro-d subcommittee will meet and sort out the details and present to the executive.

CBEEN- (BD) – Bruce will provide info to interested applicants.

EECOM – (BD) – Bruce will send out details on the conference that will be held in Canmore in Oct. Great prices if you sign up early.

8.Open Discussion:

Bruce and Jonathan suggested eepsa sending a letter to Science World expressing their concerns regarding partnering with LNG.

ACTION: Jonathan will draft a letter and send it out to exec.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Location to be decided at a later date.

Pro-d Subcommittee will conference before the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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