

Environmental Education Meeting Minutes
Sept. 20, 2016

Attendance- Stephanie Noel, Tara Johnson, Graham Gale, Sarah Newton, Molly Butler, Janette Vickers

Regrets: Michelle Gadbois, Colleen Wall, Kim Floyd

- Executive members will register with EEPSA (Graham, Molly and Tara). This is required for us to become an LSA.

- Results from the survey (so far) were shared. Graham will share the survey with RSS.

Discussion: Aviva Community Fund Sept. 19 – Oct. 6 – Info from Andy Pfeiffer
<https://www.avivacommunityfund.org>

Small ideas: \$50 000

Large ideas: \$50 000 – 100 000

3 categories:

1. Community Resilience (protecting from weather)
2. Community Health (health, sport, active living)
3. Community Development (education, skills, culture, research)

Action:

This is a possible grant for all schools – the money could be used for installing outdoor classroom shelters

- Stephanie, Molly and Tara will look into it and consider applying for this grant

- Reference letters that are written by our group and then given to Mike Hooker, PAC, principals, etc. to edit are a great way to have letters returned quickly.

- Tara will talk to a local company (Tree Construction) about a potential design that could be used for the purposes of applying to grants (budget details and design information)

Discussion: What other grants are available?

Action: Stephanie will search for grant list that she had...

Possible organizations:

- WWF
- TD
- Home depot?
- BC Hydro?

Janette will look into other possible grants

* Grants that are applied for have an administrative cost that can be kept for the organization.

Discussion: Ideas to get teachers started incorporating environmental education i.e. Making a big blanket out of IKEA bags or another durable fabric

Action:

Develop an outdoor ed kit for teachers to try out (clipboards, mats to sit on, etc.)

Discussion: Oct. 26: Take Me Outside Day

Lots of great resources at the website: takemeoutside.ca

Action:

- Encourage all schools to go outside at some point during the school day
- Share this information with other staff at all schools.

- Take photos and share with the newspaper
(photos and articles can also be helpful for grant applications)

Next meeting:

Oct. 25, 7 am at the Modern