

EEPSA Executive Meeting

September 13, 2016 at 5:30 pm

Location: MetroVancouver Head Office, 4330 Kingsway St.

In attendance : Nick Townley, Johnathan Dyck, David Zandvliet, Kerrie Lanaway, Dylan Rawlyk, Bruce Ford, Ryan Barfoot (online), Monica Nissen, Tim Straka (will be moving away from BC to new Job - Canada 150 Project), Theresa Rowley, Heidi Lessman, Selina Metcalf, Donna Boucher

1) **Catching up** (all)

2) **BCTF business**

PSAC update (Selina and Jonathan)

(Selina) EEPSA committed to being part of SuperConference. Options to influence how to participate include offering two workshops by EEPSA and one with another PSA.

Per Capita Grant application due September 30th

Exec members examined the EEPSA Goals (2016-2017) outlined in proposed PSA program statement. There was a discussion of goals, objectives, activities and evaluation followed with minor adjustments recorded by Selina. She will send executive members the revised version with updates before Sept. 30. See attached revised EEPSA goals.

Jonathan also needs updated membership addresses and make sure all memberships are current. Nick will send out reminder to exec members.

CBEEN is interested in joining forces with EEPSA to do a leadership conference in April – 28 teachers released for 2 days. CBEEN is looking for funds for the release days. Selina will contact local pro-d chairs to see what funding is available (could be PSAC rep).

Financials update (Jasmine sent in)

Our total to date is: \$8,021.85

Expenses logged in August:

Ryan - workshop delivery \$336.52

Selina - planning meetings \$145.71

Green teacher magazine- \$725.97 (one invoice didn't get paid in time due to not getting received by Cheryl via scanned email) I will make sure now to email Cheryl Lal the next day to make sure she gets what I email to her
EEPSA AGM catering - \$653.10

David inquired about \$500 grant for WEEC 2017 (decided at previous eepsa meeting). He will send invoice to Jasmine and the bctf will release the \$500.

Membership update (Tim) – Nothing new to report, but he will meet with Nick to determine the latest numbers.

3) Communication (Ryan and Dylan)

Ryan will make the website more user friendly. Reminded exec members to send in photos. Exec members need to send in a bio and photo if there is not one currently on the website.

Ryan wants to know if the exec is interested in changing their name. Selina responded that it will take at least a year to go thru the process, so we need a logo in the meantime. Current EEPSA logo should be kept on the website until we change it. Dylan and Ryan will continue to work on this.

4) Previous business

AGM and Summer Solstice event at SPES (all) – successful AGM with lots of interested groups represented. Positive feedback from the members.

Summer Leadership Conference (Jonathan)- Focused on place-based education and development of website to help support new teachers.

EECOM (Bruce)- Conference in Manitoba. 100 attendees with locals joining in.

Next EECOM Conference in May, 2017 in Nova Scotia. Oct 2018 will be a large conference in BC with several groups taking part (including CBEEN, EEPSA, Get Outdoors etc).

5) Upcoming business

Get Outdoors in Surrey (Selina) – Oct 26 workshop in Surrey with Vanessa Lee.

Gold Rush Ed in Barkerville (Selina) – Sept 29- Oct 1 - Selina will make connections with various teachers and locals as she presents “Place in Education Symposium” in Barkerville, BC.

PSA Day in Sooke with BCTELA (Jonathan and Kerri)

Jonathan and Kerri will present what they have been doing over the past year with BCTELA.

VanTech with BCSSTA (Bruce) – cancelled

Outdoor Learning Pro-D in Kimberley (Natasha) – A teacher in Kimberley will host a pro-d day in Kimberley on the Oct PSA day.

Confluence (Ryan) - cancelled

World Environmental Education Congress -WEEC (David)

WEEC2017.org is up for members wanting to see latest development

Average conference is 1500-2000. A number of strands have been added. 7 hotels have been booked. The program will be from Sept 9-15. First 2 days are teacher-friendly programs. The third day, will be a “community outreach” day where participants attend different venues (15 choices). Day 4 and 5, will be research sessions at the Conference Centre (interactive posters). Day 6 and 7 will be field trip options for after the main conference. Call for proposals is going out this month and David is searching for key-note speakers.

Lots of promoting happening. Exec members, Donna and Vanessa, as well as EEPsA member Laurelei Primeau, will be representing EEPsA with the place-based education module. Updates will be provided at upcoming meetings.

BCTF SuperConference 2017 (Kerri) – there has been no communication so far. Selina will see if there will be formal communication coming.

Next meeting:

Conference room venue for Mon Nov 14. David will see if SFU Surrey has a room available then let the exec know.

Dec 15 will be the Winter Solstice event. Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Form 1: Proposed program statement

Proposed program for Environmental Educator's _____ (PSA) for 2016-17 _____ (enter school year)

That all PSAs be requested to attach to their per capita grant application a one-page summary that briefly outlines the following: a. services the PSA provides to the members of the PSA, other than an annual or regional conference; b. processes in place to communicate with members of the PSA during the course of an individual's one-year PSA membership; c. processes in place to engage new members of the PSA in order to retain them. (EC, June 13–15, 2013)

GOAL	OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION (method & criteria)
Assist educators with curriculum support, professional development and networking opportunities to members across the province.	Increase membership across the province, especially outside of the Lower Mainland.	Facilitate Local Chapter/LSA creation across BC, host Solstice events outside of Metro Vancouver, work with WildBC across the province.	Assess membership growth and retention rates.
	Inform members of EE pro-d opportunities and resources that are available across the province.	Update our website, continue to send messages out on the listserv, continue to use social media. Network with other regional and provincial EE organizations.	Ask for member feedback.
	Promote the role of place-based education in the renewed curriculum.	Offer pro-d sessions across the province, reach out to pro-d chairs, promote EEPsA workshops via BCTF channels in all locals.	Gauge the feedback for workshops delivered. Assess whether more workshops are being requested.

Build partnerships and collaborations with other place-based, EE stakeholders.	Collaborate with local EE groups.	Partner with MetroVancouver, WildBC, CBEEN, Science World, SPES, OCC, Surrey Nature Centre, Fraser River Discovery Centre, Barkerville Historic Site, Museum of Vancouver, Walking the Talk for Green Schools, Vancouver Aquarium.	Assess which partnerships are most successful.
	Collaborate with other BCTF groups interested in EE, PBE.	Continue to engage with CASJ, present at other PSA conferences, be involved with PSAC superconference planning and work as BCTF facilitators.	Assess which partnerships are most successful.
Promote greater awareness, understanding and appreciation of the environment and nurture skills in teachers to use Place-Based Education (PBE).	Provide pro-d across the province.	Deliver workshops, host Leadership Clinics for Local Chapters.	Assess who is attending pro-d.
	Promote Environmental initiatives.	On the website, the listserv, Twitter, Facebook, our Local Chapters and within the BCTF.	Assess how members are accessing information.
	Provide resources across the province for teachers to use in their classrooms.	Update website, populate Teach BC.	Assess which resources are being used.

Engage new members of the PSA in order to retain them.	Become more aware of who our new members are.	Membership chair will check monthly list to see who our new members are and add them to the listserv.	Assess whether the listserv is being updated.
	Make contact with our new members to inform them of communication channels.	President will continue to send out monthly welcome emails to new members informing them of communication channels.	Assess whether welcome emails are being sent out.
	Pass the information about new members on to Local Chapter Presidents.	President will inform Local Chapter Presidents about new members in their region to connect them to Local events.	Assess whether Local Chapter Presidents are contacting new members.