

# EEPSA executive meeting

May 15, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Location: SFU Surrey

In attendance: : Selina Metcalfe, Jonathan Dyck , Dylan Rawlyk, Nick Townley , Kerri Lanaway, David Zandvliet, Jasmine Pilling (conference call), Monica Nissen (conference call), Donna Boucher - secretary.

1) Catching up (all)

## 2) BCTF business

\* PSAC update (Selina) - Oct. superconference update - lots of interest (more details to come) and new List Serve coming in the fall

\* Financials update (Jasmine)-

current total \$7971.47.

income of \$532.50 from Membership/subscription fees and interest of \$6.27 as well as other income of \$110.00

expenses - \$338.00 for Green Teacher magazine

For this month, we made a total of \$310.77.

Several T\*TOC LOAs sent invoices from the different districts , but has not been sent to bctf yet.

Ed Hammill Fund is at \$3,259.75.

Selina - Local chapters ( 8) will be sending proposed budgets for next year, this year only Nelson has a request for funds for a June event - \$200. Budget discussions will happen with the executive once next year's proposals come in. Upcoming Invoice for \$500 for summer solstice success story sharing expenses; Ryan will also get \$500 for logo redesign.

\* Membership update (Nick) - 15 new members have joined so currently 120 members. Nick has been reminding members to renew before memberships expires. He has been receiving more info with the new List Serve system.

\* Local Chapters (Selina, Kerri, Jonathan Monica)- team just took part in leadership clinic in East Kooteneys with 7 local chapters excited to join EEPSA. Lots of interest and very productive

partnership with CBEEN. All very positive feedback. Jonathan is meeting with some Langley teachers later this month and there is the potential for a local chapter there as well. Selina indicated Surrey is showing interest in starting their own chapter. There is also interest in the Sunshine Coast (Ryan is the contact).

\* Communication (Ryan and Dylan)- Recent changes to website - now a history section and local chapters page with updated photos; upcoming events need to be sent to Dylan; currently AGM, Walking the Talk, Superconference and soon WEEC.info. Dylan would like to update the resource document listed on the EEPSA site, but we will save this until a fall meeting and update it together. Connections to Communities connections may be added later. Dylan will also look at photos to make sure they are viewed the same by all users. He has been tracking viewers and we are now having 30-35 average viewers per day. Home page, local chapters and contacts are the most popular.

### **3) Previous business**

\* EEPSA/CBEEN Leadership Clinic (Selina, Kerri, Jonathan)- “very inspiring and amazing to meet all the educators”. Very successful clinic.

### **4) Upcoming business**

\* EEPSA Annual General Meeting 5:30-6:30, June 29 in Salmonberry room at SPES. (Jonathan) - needs to get info out on List Serve soon.; Jonathan will write up the AGM details and Bruce will be in charge of the Solstice event ; when complete it will be sent to Dylan for website

\* Walking the Talk for Green Schools Solstice Success Story Sharing June 29 at SPES after the AGM. (All) Bruce will put together invitation to see if anyone wants to share their success stories.

\* Curriculum Implementation to support Place Based Learning: Classrooms to Communities updates (Selina)- Classrooms to Communities group met last month to talk about our plan to support pro-d and networking to help teachers see place based learning as a central pillar of the renewed curriculum. We will continue with our efforts in pro-d delivery, leadership clinics, local chapter formation and success story sharing and capturing. Ministry of

Education has not shared any new info on curriculum implementation. David suggested having a meeting in Sept during WEEC and inviting ministry and interested parties

\* World Environmental Education Congress -WEEC (David, Jonathan and Donna)  
David gave quick update - the conference currently has 14 strands, 140 sessions, 6 plenary sessions, 44 countries represented, 10 post secondary institutions involved, 750 abstracts reviewed. David will send promo material to Dylan to link from EEPsA website.

\* BCTF SuperConference October 20, 21 2017 (Selina and Jonathan)

\* EEPsA workshop submissions are

- 1) Starting a Nature K (Lisa Lockerbie and Erin Van Stone from Sooke)
- 2) Get Outdoors in the Primary Grades (Donna, Dylan and Jasmine at SPES)
- 3) Get Outdoors in the Intermediate Grades (Kerri Lanaway at SPES)
- 4) Sharing Best Practice in Extended Outdoor Education Programs (Ryan Barfoot)
- 5) Sharing Best Practice: Local Chapters of EEPsA (Selina at Science World)
- 6) Exploring Environmental Science 11 and 12 (Michael Wolfe)
- 7) Place Based Learning in the Renewed Curriculum (Jonathan)

EEPsA will need to volunteer some of our time to help the conference run. The sessions are 75 minutes each. Get Outdoors will do two back to back sessions. The cost is \$120 early bird. One presenter for each session will have registration covered. EEPsA will reimburse other exec members who are presenting. We will be required to volunteer as well. Attendees will go to the session they wish with no sign-up required. EEPsA members will meet to plan for the superconference at the first exec meeting in Sept.

\*Next meeting: AGM June 29, 5:30 - 6:30, Salmonberry Room, Stanley Park Ecology Society, Vancouver.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Thanks to David for hosting.