

EEPSA meeting minutes for January 21st, 2016

Present: Kerri Lanaway, Bruce Ford, David Zandvliet, Jonathan Dyck

Guests from the CASJ EJ Action Group: Julie Johnston, Sue Gattas, Richard Pesik

1) Catching up and introductions (all)

2) BCTF business

PSAC update (SM via email)

We should share resources to Teach BC as we develop/review them. The curriculum development teams are working on the assessment stage now. We will soon be able to search and filter our member database. Per capita grant is hopefully complete and correct now and we should get our grant soon. MyPITA would like to partner with EEPSA on an outdoor/EE/place-based conference. New Teacher's Conference is coming up in February.

PSA Super conference October 20-24, 2017 (KL) – Apparently, the CASJ folks haven't heard about the super conference plans! How can we work together better, specifically to partner in delivering EE workshops?

Financials update (JP) – unable to attend

Membership update (LP – via email)

At the Solstice event, a member was concerned that she had not received her Green Teacher subscription. Turns out that she hadn't checked her email... in months. At any future events, it would be helpful to let new members know to provide an email that they actually use, and to check for messages from us.

I've asked to have her email on the distribution list changed to one she uses more frequently, but I don't know if it's easier to ask Patrick to do it, or if it needs to go through the BCTF, so that it comes up on the membership monthly list.

If you are enrolling a large group of new members and want to make sure they've been processed, a list of names is essential. I can't locate people unless I know who I'm looking for :-)

It might be advantageous to mention that your subscription to Green Teacher includes access to ALL back issues. A huge bonus over only getting current issues to read.

We're down to 126 members now. 85 are BCTF members. 42 memberships expire at the end of March.

3) **Outreach and communication** (DP – via email)

Communications: Can someone send me a quick 1-2 sentence blurb from the Winter Solstice party and I will post an item about that on our website. November and December we were good at sharing on Twitter which is now embedded into our website properly, but January has been slow. Feel free to mention @eepsa or @seagreenED and either Jonathan or I can tweet. ☺☺

A reminder that I do not have the power to add or take away anyone on the listserv.

Welcome to CASJ representatives!

Introductions, resources, opportunities for support and collaboration.

Action: We need to advertise the “Teaching Green” workshop they’ve developed to our members, who can book it for local Pro-D events! See details here:

<http://bctf.ca/PD/workshops.aspx?id=233056>

4) Previous business

December Solstice event at Fraser River Discovery Centre (JD, BF, DB, LP) – this event was well received, but attendance was down since we left the city of Vancouver. We could host a similar event in conjunction with the Super Conference...

Classrooms to Communities workshop model (KL, BF)

Some EEPSA members (BF, RB and SM) met with Wild BC, Science World and Walking the Talk representatives to move forward on our plan to develop outlines for a 2hr, 1 day, 2 day and 4 day workshop model on exploring the new curriculum through the lens of place-based, experiential education. The title of this workshop series is Classrooms to Communities. We can share our product with CASJ, if they’d like, within the next couple of months.

5) Upcoming business

New Teacher’s Conference (JD, DB)

Donna can host the booth Friday, but she needs someone to bring her the display Friday morning.

Action: Can anyone help host and/or bring the materials for Donna?

CBEEN Leadership Clinic in April (KL)

We will be working with teachers from 5 school districts and the Columbia Basin EE Network in the Kootenays on how to enter the new curriculum through the lens of place-based education in a workshop called Classrooms to Communities.

Canadian Association of Science Centres is hosting a conference entitled “The Intersection of Science and Nature” May 5-7

The Aquarium and Science World are bringing Richard Louv to Vancouver for a science centre educators’ conference. This conference is not geared toward classroom teachers. They would like us to share the information with our networks and possibly co-host a Saturday evening public lecture. Do we want to pay some of his speaker’s fee? Do we want to host a Saturday afternoon event for teachers in conjunction with the lecture?

Action: This sounds like a great idea; it might be an opportune time for our AGM. Next steps?

Cariboo-Chilcoltin Outdoor Educators Leadership Clinic in Williams Lake May 13 (SM)

I will be working with CBEEN, the local pro-d chair, Rural and Multi-Age PSA and EEPSA’s new local LSA in Williams Lake to facilitate a one-day leadership clinic for champions in the district who are looking to explore the new curriculum through the lens of place-based, outdoor, experiential education. This is the Classrooms to Communities workshop model.

June Solstice event (BF)

Do we support co-hosting our June Solstice event at Stanley Park Ecology Society on June 23rd?

Action: We need to vote on this next meeting!

EEPSA AGM date and location? Connect to June Solstice event? Or May Science Conference?

BCTELA conference in October (JD, KL, BH, SM)

EEPSA participants in PQT inquiry will co-present process and results on place-based literature.

2017 WEEC update (JD, DZ) – date still TBC, either July or September 2017

Action: JD is on the steering committee, but we could also have someone on the local organizing committee for the conference, which includes representatives from most local postsecondary institutions. Any volunteers? We also need to vote on the amount of our financial contribution (\$500-1000?).

Clearing Magazine (online): bridging the gap between research and practice

<http://clearingmagazine.org/>

Action: We need to share these resources with our network and solicit input as well.

ELE: There is interest in revamping the ministry document in line with the renewed curriculum – DZ and Rick Kool are planning to meet with folks at the ministry to discuss this. We may be able to partner in that process, possibly through the C2C workshops!