

EEPSA meeting

January 16, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Location: MetroVancouver Head Office, 4330 Kingsway St.

- 1) Catching up (all) – Selina Metcalfe, David Zandvliet, Bruce Ford, Kerri Lanaway, Jasmine Miken, Donna Boucher ; by phone - Ryan Barfoot, Nick Townley, Heidi Lessman, Monica Nissen

2) BCTF business

PSAC update (Selina and Jonathan) – Glen Hansman was present at last PSAC meeting, giving updates on what the new court decision means for teachers and the new curriculum. Very supportive of PSAs promoting the new curriculum. The BCTF is continuing to ask for grant money for PSAs to create resources to support Curriculum Implementation.

Financials - \$5250 grant arrived – now we have \$8636.23 in our account.

Recent expenses include solstice event - \$500

Selina mentioned that almost \$5000 will be needed for Nipka event – Kerri, Jonathan, Selina, Frances and Bruce facilitating for EEPSA.

Membership update (Nick) – 92 members currently

Nick noted the latest edition of Green Teacher magazine will be out soon.

Selina has requested extra issues of Green Teacher magazine for upcoming workshops (8 copies of each).

- 3) Communication (Ryan)- Ryan and Jonathan have been updating Twitter; Selina and Jonathan are updating Facebook, **Dylan is still looking for headshots and biographies from exec members**

Upcoming webinars with Green Teacher and EECOM (info sent out by Dylan)

Many EEPSA members sent in material for BCTF Teacher magazine.

Suggested we put the articles on EEPSA website for everyone to see.

4) Previous business

Winter Solstice event at Science World (all) - Bruce thanked partners who contributed \$500 each— Science World (in kind), Metro Vancouver, EEPISA , Wild BC and Walking the Talk. Successful event enjoyed by all attendees. Heidi will coordinate sharing success stories on EEPISA website.

Articles for Teacher magazine (Selina) – Thank you to everyone who contributed and bctf will send some articles to Social Justice and others to Teach BC.

5) Upcoming business

New Teacher's Conference February 24-25 –
Selina, David, Nick and Heidi presenting Friday at 2:30-4:00 (arrive at 1:30 to go over session)
Donna and Teresa at the booth Saturday only

EEPISA/CBEEN Leadership Clinic at Nipika April 29-May 2 (Selina, Kerri, Jonathan, Frances and Bruce) Clinic details and application form have been created. Successful applicants will be chosen in February. Selina has asked Local pro-d chairs for release time for one day. Other travel costs for facilitation team. EECOM members will be present so Bruce will also be attending.

Walking the Talk for Green Schools Solstice Celebration June, 2017 (All) Not planning yet but tentative location is Stanley Park on June 29.

EEPISA Annual General Meeting (Jonathan)

- June at Solstice event or October at SuperConference? – discussion followed. June seems to be preferred time.
- We need to amend our constitution and create a budget line to include language for chapter support; Jonathan will be working on the constitution; Jasmine will check with Michelle Steele to find out how we proceed to create a budget line for the constitution.

Pro- D – in Chilliwack Feb 23 – David (with Donna) presenting place-based education workshop

World Environmental Education Congress –WEEC, September 2017 (David, Jonathan and Donna)

9 months away from the event; most plenary have been confirmed ; keynotes – Wade Davis, Jeanette Armstrong, Elizabeth May, possibly Nancy Turner.

UN designated conference; many local facilities confirmed for Community Day (ie Douglas College, UBC Farm, Vancouver Aquarium, Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre)

\$60,000 already raised

Confirmed sponsors need to send in proof of their support, so EEPSA will send in their confirmation of financial support (it can include money in kind for time for Jonathan and Donna)

Teacher portion will be over the weekend on Sept 9 and Sept 10.

More updates to come at March EEPSA meeting.

“Change, Challenge, Opportunity: BC Teachers Sharing Successes, Shaping Futures” BCTF Superconference October 20-21, 2017 (Selina and Kerri)

- 26 PSAs involved
- 4000-6000 attendees
- Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre
- 7 workshops per PSA
- All Workshops come in via PSAs
- Workshops are in 75 minute blocks
- 40-150 participants per workshop
- **Submit workshop proposals to Selina by February 20**
- Suggestions for Keynotes?
- Exhibitor table=\$250 (non-profit rate)
- Possible EEPSA workshops:
 - 1) Starting a Nature Kindergarten (Sylvia, Frances, Joan, Janine, Sooke teachers)

- 2) Get Outdoors in the Primary Grades (Donna, Jasmine, Erika, Natasha, Wild BC, Dylan at SPES?)
- 3) Get Outdoors in the Intermediate Grades (Megan, Heidi, Teresa, Wild BC, Dylan at SPES?)
- 4) Sharing Best Practice: Extended Outdoor Education Programs (Nick, Ryan, Teresa, OCC)
- 5) Sharing Best Practice: Local Chapters of EEPSA (Selina)
- 6) Place-Based Education in the Renewed Curriculum (All)
- 7) Greening School Yards and School Gardens (Andrew, Brent, Ian from Britannia)
or
- 8) The Renewed Environmental Science 11-12 Curriculum (Michael, Science World)
or
- 9) Creating an outdoor education specialist and outdoor classroom in every elementary school across BC (Megan)
- 10) Other ideas?

Selina will send out all ideas and members are encouraged to give input. We need to have workshop proposals sent in by Feb 20.

Place-Based Education Curriculum Support Document (All) - David will send in a letter to the Ministry of Education proposing teachers and local networks create a new document. Recording what is happening ...classrooms to communities could provide material. David would submit a proposal that all parties would have some input on. Action research set by the participants. The process will be public and open. There will be no payment involved. The focus will be to “use place-based education as a way to understand the new curriculum.”

Classrooms to Communities update (Selina, Bruce, Patrick) – see attachment

Next meeting: Tues March 7 at SFU Surrey

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Thanks to Bruce for hosting.