

EEPSA Executive meeting

November 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm

Location: Room 5200, SFU at Surrey Central

In attendance David Zanvliet, Selina Metcalfe, Jonathan Dyck (by Skype), Heidi Lessman, Dylan Rawley, Nicholas Townley, Donna Boucher

1) Catching up (all)

2) BCTF business

- PSAC update (Selina and Jonathan) –next PSAC meeting will be on Friday. Details will be available for next meeting. BCTF just emailed that we were successful in getting our per capita grant.
- Financials (sent in by Jasmine) -

We are in good financial shape.

Our current balance is: \$3,537.07

Ed Hammill fund: \$3,241.43

Expenditures:

- Ryan Barfoot CTTE Meeting airfare \$293.17
- Selina Metcalfe - meetings and conference travel and meals \$1,034.91
- Green teacher magazine \$304.12
- Dot Easy website hosting \$234.51
- Sunshine fund for the year \$40.00

• Membership (Nick) – currently at 97 members; Bruce sent out print copies of Green Magazines to 10 members. Will look into getting extra copies for future workshops. Heidi has offered to help Nick with EEPSA member engagement in the next few weeks. Selina noted that we are hoping to engage members across the province (beyond e-mails). Heidi suggested a blog connected to resources and links. Past idea included highlighting members from different areas of BC. An update will be provided at next meeting.

- Local Chapters (Frances, Natasha, Molly, Kerri, Andrew)- Selina updated us on current chapters - Revelstoke , Rocky Mountain, Cariboo- Chilcotin, soon Burnaby and Surrey
- Communication (Ryan and Dylan) – Ryan and Dylan still considering what we could do for a name change (including previous suggestions). “Experiential Educators” is a possibility. More discussion next meeting.

Website has been updated with new Main page and menu. Resource link needs to be simplified for users. Dylan will be looking for input from exec members as well as any links to new resources.

Contact info can now be reached easier. He likes the idea of a blog post and he is receptive to ideas and can put it up quickly. When people attend events as an eepsa rep, please take photos and send a synopsis (paragraph) of what happened. Selina would like past events posted and batched, with maybe 5 current photos on main page. Past meetings can also be batched by year. If any events want to be highlighted, let Dylan know.

3) Previous business

- Gold Rush Ed in Barkerville (Selina) – Selina went to place based education conference in Barkerville with Frances (Cariboo-Chilcoltin member))
- BCTELA conference in Sooke (Jonathan and Kerri) – Jonathan presented a workshop with Kerri and members of ELA psa. Made some good connections with others interested in place-based learning lens. BCTELA was very happy to be partnering with EEPsA.

4) Upcoming business

- Winter Solstice event December 15 (All) – confirmed – hosting with our partners Science World. Success story sharing will be the focus, but more of a social gathering.
- New Teacher's Conference February 24-25 (Selina)- Classroom to Communities – engaging learners with the new curriculum – Selina will take the lead on the workshop, but would love to have a fellow presenter. EEPsA will provide leave time and travel time to anyone who would like to man our table for the 2 days (Friday and Sat).
- EEPsA/CBEEN Leadership Clinic at Nipika April 29-May 2 (Selina) – Jonathan, Kerri, Selina, Frances will be facilitating the clinic – teams of teachers from local district will learn how to set up their own local chapter.
- World Environmental Education Congress -WEEC (David) – Sept 9-15, 2017
Planning is going well. Key note speakers will be finalized in Dec (possible speakers include Wade Davis, Nancy May, David Suzuki and others who fit closely with culture and environment theme). Local speakers and community partners will be involved. No power points, but there will be round table and poster presentations. First Nations involved. Focused on keeping it local and following an environmental ethic.
There will be a special 2 day teacher rate on the Sat and Sun. Tickets for plenary sessions will be available separately. Thurs and Friday, Sept 14-15, will be programs offered out of the city ...ie North Vancouver, Gulf Islands, Chilliwack ...as possible sites to visit.
- BCTF SuperConference October 20-21, 2017 (Selina and Kerri) – will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre. EEPsA has secured a place at the conference. Selina suggested we join forces with other psa. Kerri will provide details to exec when available.
- EECOM/BCEEN/EEPAs Conference in Cranbrook October 19-20, 2018 (Selina)
Conference in the works. More details will come later.

Next gathering: Winter Solstice on Dec 15 at Science World.

Next eepsa meeting on Monday, Jan 16, 2017 at 5:30. Location to be announced
Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.