

Revelstoke Environmental Education Meeting
Jan. 17, 2016

Present: Molly Butler, Stephanie Noel, Michelle Gadbois, Tara Johnson, Ariel McDowell, Sarah Newton

Discussion: We would like to use the EEPISA money for release time for writing grants. Ariel is looking into how the money would be refunded from release days.

Action: Sarah and Stephanie would like to take a release day for grant writing. 0.6 and then 0.4 as two separate sessions. They have a list of the grants and deadlines.

Grant Writing details:

- involve Len in decision making for a permanent structure
- involve PAC groups at each school (share our ideas once we know what we want so that the project is directed by our group)
- include all 3 schools in original plan (greater cost but might as well plan for having them at the three elementary schools at the start)

Discussion: Tara shared a sketch of a potential structure, from Tree Construction. Estimated cost is \$100,000. Tree Construction has offered to provide design drawings up front, for the purpose of applying to grants. There would be an understanding that Tree Construction would then be used for that contract. This is potentially the scenario for any building contractor that we choose to work with and at this point we are not committed to anyone.

Discussion: Arrow Heights has access to land across the street from the school. Fred Beruschi has allowed the school to use the land for outdoor learning. Michelle will do a walk about with him in the spring to identify and take out the dangerous trees.

Discussion: CBEEN 2017 Leadership Clinic is happening Apr. 29 – May 2. Deadline for applying is Feb. 15.

Action: Michelle, Stephanie, Molly, Tara, Sarah are interested in attending the clinic.

Molly will send out information and each teacher will provide a write up about their involvement in outdoor education and send to Molly, who will forward these on to Duncan.

Next meeting: Feb. 21