

EEPSA executive meeting

November 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Location: MetroVancouver Head Office, 4330 Kingsway St.

In attendance: Selina Metcalfe, Bruce Ford, Dylan Rawlyk, Yeelen Merhi, Donna Boucher (secretary)

Conference call – Heidi Lessman, Nick Townley

1) Catching up (all)

2) BCTF business

PSAC update (Jonathan) – Curriculum update and feedback information:

- BCTF is pushing ministry to pause 10-12 curriculum (now delayed another year).
- BCTF members will be involved in revising core competencies
- New BCTF workshops for Aboriginal education
- New 10-12 courses should be finalized by spring 2018 (still opportunities for feedback!)
- All SS courses will be grade 12, except for SS 11 Explorations

Financials update (Yeelen) –as of Oct 20, EEPSA account in the negative - \$1500 - due to outstanding debts (to release days for pro-d); per capita grant has not been approved yet so we are holding off on dispersing funds. Outstanding debt has been paid. Logo has been paid for and is now done (looks great). Priority is to get rid of superconference expenses. \$1700 is kept aside for access to Green Teacher. Looking into providing some funds for local chapters, but not sure yet how much. Future expenses include upcoming Winter Solstice, New Teacher's Conference... this is still to be determined.

Membership update (Nick) – currently 98 members (13 joined at superconference). Nick is sending out reminders to keep up with membership renewals. Some renewals may not have been processed by the bctf yet. Nick will let anyone know if it has expired. He also suggested getting profiles from other members around the province. Selina will send in a template with the questions to be asked (profile the person and their favorite resource).

3) Communication (Dylan) – Dylan has updated the website ...new header and logo; adding new executive board members (Yeelen will be added soon). Still trying to overhaul – wants to simplify pages so teachers will use it; changing some structure items (colour in header). The event page will show the 3 most current items – local chapter meetings, executive meetings, pro-d. Continue to send in photos and updates.

4) Local Chapters update (Selina) –Lots of interest - Trail has a Classroom to Community fair coming up; Richmond is excited to start a new chapter; a group from North Vancouver is interested in starting a chapter as well.

5) **Previous business**

PSA Superconference October 20-21 - raised our profile; great to connect with others; good to see so many members working together at an event. Dylan had some positive feedback from sessions at Stanley Park and is putting together kits for some Cumberland teachers. Yeelen suggested having teacher sign-up at future event.

6) **Upcoming business**

Walking the Talk for Green Schools Winter Solstice Celebration - Science World? (Bruce, Kerri and Heidi) – Thurs Dec 21 – 5:30-9:30 in Eureka Gallery has been reserved. Kate will create an event profile to send out so members can sign in centrally. Different strategy – looking at people to identify elements for successful place-based nature learning. For example – collaboration...who is doing it, why does it work ???
EEPSA, Science World, C2C, Metro Vancouver and HCTF.

New Teacher's Conference February 2018 (Heidi) – booth has been approved, but still going through applications for presenters. Selina wondered if there was release time for teacher to cover the booth. BCTF may cover the cost for travel. Heidi will let us know when details are released.

Heidi has a group of teachers in North Vancouver who may want to present at future pro-d. They will connect with Selina.

C2C Leadership Clinic (Bruce, Ryan, Selina) - April 8-10, 2018 at Camp Alexandra. EEPSA has committed to working on this with C2C partners. Now discussing who will attend and financial funding. Looking for groups of teams of 4 who want to promote their projects – K-12 teachers.

Next executive meeting in Jan. Jonathan is looking into conferencing. Details to be sent out.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Thanks to Bruce for hosting☺

