

EEPSA meeting

April 23, 2018 5:30-7:30

Location: SFU Surrey, Room 5200

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- 1) Catching up (all) Jonathan, Nick, Monica, Kerri, Heidi (by computer) David and Selina in attendance (Selina taking minutes)

2) BCTF business

PSAC update (Selina)

- PSA pro-d chairs submit events to BCTF PD calendar(<https://bctf.ca/PDCalendar/>) events must be in by May 15 for the print calendar **Kerri and Heidi to submit upcoming events**
- BCTF Summer Leadership Conference: EEPSA can send one representative, Aug 21-24, Kamloops, **Jonathan and Kerri are both interested, will check availability**
- Per Capita Grant will increase in 2018/19 (50-100 members=6K, 101-200 members=7K, 201-300 members=8K...)
- Superconference seed money has been returned as a misc line item, PSAs are thinking of doing this collaboration every 3-5 years, profit should come by end of March)
- PSA Inquiry Grant has been approved, 3-4K per year, has to be matched by the PSA, tie to Leadership Clinic?, application process is being created
- PSAs need to comply with new Societies Act financial procedures, more details to follow

Financials update (Yeelen)

1. CBEEN cheque for C2C has been requested and is being mailed over.
2. Per capita grant was received
3. Local chapter know what their allocated budgets are

4. Local chapters are being reimbursed for their expenses

These are the most important issues. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to send me and email.

Membership update (Nick)

113 members, will send out an update about the fall conference, continues to send out Green Teacher and reminder emails to renew.

Communication (Dylan) No update

Motion to fund a new EEPSA display? \$500? Carried.

3) Local Chapters update (Selina)



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EEPSA Local Chapter Meeting Notes

April 20, 2018

Present: Duncan Whittick, Selina Metcalfe, Tara Whittick, Bridget O'Malley, Linda Out

Summary of Local Chapter Activities:

- Kootenay Lake Local Chapter (SD8)
 - Met with new superintendent, very supportive of PBL
 - Hosted two workshops – Below Zero & Coyote Mentoring
 - Hosting AGM in June (needs \$200)
 - Has lost some momentum with exec
 - Looking to recruit new members
 - Lori Fehr making a video of PBL
 - KLEEPSA might try to get involved in hosting pro-d to support the video

- Revelstoke (SD19)

We don't have a lot new to share... we continue to meet monthly to plan details on our outdoor classroom projects. We recently got our first one opened up to the school and have had many classes out there already. The kids are super excited. The second structure (at Begbie) is planned to start as soon as the snow melts... perhaps the beginning of May. Michelle has plans for a coyote book club in

the near future, and many of our members already have the book. Stephanie is looking towards planning another pro-d event for the next school year.

- East Kootenay (SD5)
 - Had their AGM
 - Some new executive members

- Rocky Mountain (SD6)
 - Lots of teachers heading outside
 - Zone book clubs are well attended walk and talks (David Sobel books)
 - Hosted an Inspiring PBL workshop for SD5 and SD6

- Arrow Lakes (SD10)

- Kootenay Columbia (SD20)
 - Below Zero workshop in Castlegar in Feb
 - Meeting coming up with Christi Crowe to talk about a scope and sequence for PBL K-12 in the district
 - June bioblitz week
 - All exec are planning on attending the EECOM conference

- EEPSA
 - Each Local Chapter is asked to present a 5 minute update on what their group did in 2017/18 at EEPSSA's AGM October 19 in Cranbrook
 - EEPSA just co-hosted a C2C Leadership Clinic (1 day) in MetroVancouver for teams from 11 districts
 - **Update on submitting requests for reimbursement from EEPSA**
 - visit EEPSA Local Chapters page <http://eepsa.org/connect/lca/>
 - Click on #4: PSA Accounting Forms for Reimbursement
 - Click on cheque requisition
 - Fill it out and scan it with your receipt
 - Send an email to Yeelen with the cheque requisition and the receipt attached
 - Yeelen will sign it and send it to the BCTF
 - The BCTF will mail you a cheque within two weeks

- CBEEN
 - Conference registration opens May 15
 - Duncan has applied for a 3 year funding source for the LC retreat that could include teams from other Local Chapters outside of the region as well as all CB teams
 - \$1000 available for workshops in the 2018/19 school year
 - CBEEN has some budget for CBEEN/EEPSA Local Chapter bookmarks

4) Previous business

New Teacher's Conference (Ryan and Bruce) no update

Classrooms to Communities Leadership Clinic, April 2018 (Selina and Bruce)
All 11 districts in the region sent teams to participate, good collaboration. HCTF, Science World, EEPSA, MetroVan sent representatives to co-facilitate, good co-construction of agenda.

5) Upcoming business

Teach BC resources (Selina)

Heidi is interested. Please send Selina a summary of how many days you want to take and what you intend to develop/post. I will forward to BCTF.

The BCTF has some funds available to pay for release time to allow members to develop and post new resources for posting on the TeachBC resource site. If your PSA would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact me as soon as possible with details of what your PSA would like to develop, and how many release days would be required. Release time is on a first come, first served basis. All available release time needs to be taken before June 30, 2018.

Classrooms to Communities Success Story Sharing June 28, Location TBD (All)

Jericho Sailing Centre, would require a \$650 contribution.

Could we host in a park like Confederation or Jericho/Spanish Banks?

Selina will continue to look for alternatives with C2C group.

EEPSA AGM October 19, 2018 Cranbrook (All)

Motion to use our \$1000 AGM budget to subsidize accommodation on Friday and Saturday for executive members to attend the conference/AGM. Carried.

EECOM/CBEEN/EEPSA conference October 19-21, 2018

February 15 - Call for Proposals

March 30 - Call for Proposals closes

April 30 - Notification of success of proposals

May 1 - 15 - Early conference registration for presenters and partners

May 15 - Early Bird Conference Registration Opens

June 30 - Early Bird Conference Registration Closes

Other upcoming pro-d initiatives (Kerri, Heidi and Bruce)

Surrey, May 4 (Selina)

North Van, May 7 (Heidi and Teresa)

Powell River CI day (Jonathan)

Arrow Lakes, May 16 (Monica)

Recent PBL workshops in East Kootenay and Rocky Mountain and Chilliwack. SDs.

Discussion about the value of setting up a sharing space for workshop templates, handouts/resources, presentations, EEPSA promotional materials. Kerri set up a Google Doc for us to use. Join here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ASEIX644o0Pp3iCGuLBlxzmKJE_lEy9G

Selina will invite Local Chapter presidents to join as well.

Next meeting: June 28, 5:30, Location TBD