**EEPSA Annual General Meeting 2018**: Saturday, October 20, 2018, 12:00 p.m.

Location: **Saint Eugene Mission (Tent #5) EECOM 2018**

Chair: Jonathan Dyck

In attendance: Jonathan Dyck, Selina Metcalfe, Nick Townley, Kerri Lanaway, Theresa Rowley, Heidi Lessman, Mardelle Sauerborn, Harmony Lloyd, Russell Vinegar, Sandra Beckett, Caren Nagao, Megan Jamison, Erika Momeyer, Laura Jackman, Linda Out, Bridget O’Malley, Matthias Starzner, Anita Vibe, Katrina Sumrall, Joan Lozier, Erin Thomas, Jamie Stewart, Monica Nissan and Donna Boucher (sec)

1) Welcome (Selina Metcalfe)

2) Introductions & Highlights of 2017/2018 – everyone shared highlights of their year

3) Adoption of Minutes from 2017 AGM – Selina moved, Jonathan seconded, approved

4) Membership Report (Nick Townley) – 113 members at this time; spread out across the province with new local chapters growing; Selina encouraged more members in locals to join

5) Financial Report (Selina Metcalfe) – Funding comes from the bctf - $6000/yr and membership fees for everyone that joins; per capita; we can apply for grants which we did for this EECOM conference. Members can host a pro-d event and attendees can join as members. EEPSA will help with costs of the events. Best to do membership drive in Nov or spring, and they will be members for one year. Trying to allocate most of funds for local chapter and their pro-d events.

6) Communications Report (Jonathan)– this year we have redesigned logo and website. Presence on Facebook and Twitter. Will be transitioning to new web design person since Dylan has moved on.

7) Professional Development Report (Kerri Lanaway & Heidi Lessman) –lots of interest over the summer for pro-d activities and the EECOM conference. Locals are taking on the challenge to develop their own pro-d. This year there will be new teacher conferences in Nanaimo and Kamloops. If you have an idea for a workshop, let EEPSA know and they will help with planning. Schools often contact EEPSA and ask for members to deliver workshops in their districts. EEPSA will continue nurturing relationships with locals around the province. BCTF also does training on specific workshops that teachers can take. They would then be able to deliver the workshop (call for applications is usually in the spring).

8) Local Chapter Reports –

Selina – SD 36 (Surrey) – created garden guide and hosted pro-d for connecting with watersheds and gardens;

Kerri – SD 41 (Burnaby)– curriculum development meeting monthly with plans for the future

Bridget - SD20 (Kootenay-Columbia) – started Env. Ed. mentoring working with all schools in district – Coyote Mentoring using I do, you do, we do model. Now have a secondary school mentor to make connections; focus on informal gatherings to connect with community.

Laura and Matthias– delivering grab and go bags – includes essentials as well as emergency features. Goggle doc allows teachers to sign up. Every class has the basic pack. Local maps have also been shared so everyone is familiar with the area that they are exploring. Being super pro-active. Initiatives have also been presented to their school board.

Linda SD8 (Kootenay Lake) - hosted coyote mentoring and will have a goal of doing at least one pro-d per year.

Katrina SD10 (Arrow Lakes) - very spread out so are still working on getting together

Mardelle SD5 (East Kootenay) - district is accommodating more pro-d events this year; started a book club organized under a digital library; Classrooms to Communities initiative in Elk Valley and Cranbrook ; started coyote mentoring.

Jamie SD51 (Boundary) – just started but hoping for coyote mentoring in the spring

Joan SD27 (Chilcotin) – Book club and starting coyote mentoring

Caren SD6 (Rocky Mountain) – Book studies, coyote mentoring and in Feb hosting zone based pro-d.

9) Executive Elections

President: Selina nominated Jonathan; Heidi seconded; Jonathan accepted

Vice-President: Johnathan nominated Nick, Selina seconded; Nick accepted

Secretary: Nick nominated Donna, Heidi seconded; Donna accepted

Treasurer: Kerri nominated Russell; Jonathan seconded, Russell accepted

Membership Coordinator: Jonathan nominated Laura; Heidi seconded; Laura accepted

Communications Chairperson: no nominations

Pro-D Chairpersons: Jonathan nominated Kerri, Nick seconded, Kerri accepted; Kerri nominated Heidi, Selina seconded; Heidi accepted; Jonathan nominated Teresa, Kerri seconded, Teresa accepted.

Members-at-Large: Jonathan nominated Ryan, Heidi seconded, Ryan appointed.

Selina nominated Natasha Burgess, Sandy seconded, Natasha appointed.

Advisory Community Liaison Positions (non-voting): CBEEN member Monica Nissen, UBC liaison Patrick Robertson, MV liaison Bruce Ford

10) Looking forward to 2019: Goals (Selina Metcalfe) Selina will continue with Local Chapters– increase membership and promote place-based learning; Jonathan will continue to build our voice within the bctf;

Continue with Classroom to Communities initiative promoting around the province.

11) Motion to Adjourn by Jonathan at 12:17, seconded by Teresa. Adjourned.

Special thanks to Selina for all her hard work and mentoring as EEPSA president ☺