**Agenda – Kootenay Boundary Outdoor Educators Meeting**

Date - February 21st, 2019

Location - Hutton Elementary Room 5

Call to order: President Jamie Stewart called the meeting to order at 4:23 pm. In attendance were Jamie Stewart, Ryan McGregor, Sharon Peron, Sarah Mace, Wanda Hecht, Shannon Wolf, Jamey Johnson, and Sarah Bond

Catching up:

* Jamie S. & Ryan working towards an outdoor school program
* Sharon & Jamie S. having lots of success with outdoor programs
* Shannon teaching OL at GFSS this semester (Jamey J. last semester)
* Outside routines a lot at elementary schools but only a few teachers pursuing the full day outdoor school once a week
* Sharon is working on a Re-Wilding Area at Perley

EEPSA business:

* Jamie Stewart (president) clarified what EEPSA and KBOE are for new members
* Treasurer’s Report: We currently have $340.00. We are planning to use the majority of this funding for spring workshops and events

Agriculture society update:

* Shannon reported that Seedy Saturday has been tentatively scheduled for April 6; the Agriculture Society would like KBOE to have a table there. Discussion about the proposal was positive, and members agreed that it would be a good idea to promote KBOE and connect to the community. Shannon Wolf made a motion that we have a KBOE table at Seedy Saturday, seconded by Jamie Stewart. Carried unanimously.

Spring workshop planning:

* Jamie Stewart confirmed that Duncan (CBEEN Exec. Dir.) can help fund our workshop (either Coyote Guide Mentoring full-day workshop or Stories of Connection half-day workshop) but it would have to be at Nancy Greene in May/June and likely partner with Trail & Rossland. Jamie will put options out to a wider pool to gauge interest so that we can decide which workshop to pursue
* Wanda has organized a rope-making workshop with Carol James on Friday, April 5th (opportunity for all teachers in the district)

Greening school grounds grant opportunity:

* Jamie S. and Sharon were connected to this opportunity through Randy Treerise. Applications are due March 1st, and the project must centre on tree planting, although it could be part of a larger project; all agreed that it is a really cool opportunity, but difficult to pursue with the deadline so close. Sharon Peron is planning to submit an application
* Healthy Schools Coordinator could be helpful with grant applications
* RDKB could possibly be involved in the future (Sharon has been successful applying to RDKB for Perley’s greening project)
* Dave Carlyle is a possible builder for projects
* Jamey J. & Shannon will check about greenhouse & former landscaping plan for GFSS to find out if this idea can gain traction again

News/updates/achievements/opportunities:

* 4-schools (West) have taken on Coyote Guide as base for routines outside, and creating a passion for writing through sit spots. Midway needs more trees at the school
* Norm ([250-999-1514] rock balancer in Midway) has come into schools in the past to teach how to build rock-balancing structures, and would be open to coming into other schools as well
* Vegetable peeler & sticks is a great way to help focus students’ attention during Sit Spot times, or to have students widdle without a knife
* GFSS is exploring the option of running English from an Indigenous perspective next year
* Colin Adamson (JL Crowe teacher) is running Avalanche Safety for Outdoor Leadership class at GFSS; Jamie Stewart would like to know about any elementary programming. Shannon will connect with Colin and ask
* CBEEN Leadership Circle workshop is at Nipika April 26-28; we can send 3 people from SD51 this year. Contact Jamie S. if you’re interested

Resources:

* Not Extinct
* Look to the Mountain
* All Living Things
* Him Standing
* CBEEN book ordering system

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4 after school (~4:15), location TBA