EEPSA Local Chapter AGM May 23, 2019  
East Kootenay Local (EKEEPSA)

**1) Welcome and acknowledgement of Ktunaxa Territory**

**2.) ELK VALLEY Notes :** Attending

Janelle Park (TTOC,  Wildsight Educator, WILD School Facilitator)

Leanne Shully (EIDES School Contact)

Dan Whillans (FSS contact)

Andrew Guillas (EES contact)

Adrienne Demeres (Social Justice, Intermediate Teachers PSA VIce-President)

Mardelle Sauerborn (FJMES)

Jane Fraser (IDES K teacher and new bee queen)

Emma Garforth-Bles (TTOC, Forest School)

Unable to attend but involved:

Harmony Lloyd (FSS, YSO)

Brooklyn Braconnier (FJMES School Contact, PROD, YSO)

Danielle Gibson (FSS School Contact)

**Discussion** (wide ranging, fluid, with tangents and side chat : )

* Funding
  + who, what where how why
  + always at the heart of every EE discussion
  + designated funding person at SD5/ training for teachers
  + CBEEN Data Base (Duncan’s Brain) is essential information
  + RSA had a funding session (Kerry Purdy attended and is interested in helping in her retirement )
* Connecting all the dots
  + Partnerships with Social Justice, Intermediate Teachers, AbEd and Faye
  + Having someone on the ProD committee (Thanks Brooklyn)
  + Strategic use of a good people wearing a few hats gets EE voice in other places.
* Building our Ktunaxa connections
  + Personal connections at school level with ABEd
  + Consider attending events (St. Eugene’s Storytelling, celebrations etc)
  + Being familiar with digital access to Ktunaxa and First Nations languages
* Wild School High School
  + Janelle indicated that there are opportunities for the WILD School program (3 year initiative currently completing at FJMES) at the High School Level
* Connecting Ideas
  + Andrew proposing a Grade 6/7 Transition Outdoor Camping Initiative. Due to the fact that we do not have middle schools, transition to high school can be significant. Grade 7’s would be responsible for the planning of a significant outdoor experience that the Grade 6 would attend.
  + Dan is partnering and proposing a rethinking of timetables at FSS for a multi credit experience
  + Janelle has huge contact information and bees became a big deal. Jane wants to be the Bee Lady.
  + Adrienne has connections in many places and can really help to connect the dots
  + Jane and Mardelle are attending Forest School 2 day session, Emma has forest school in her blood, and we are keen for local training. We know CBEEN (Duncan), Natasha, Courtney are working on that.
  + Brooklyn and Harmony are both trained in Youth Safe Outdoors, and Andrew wants to get involved as well.
  + The feed us format was pretty great. Thinking of having meetings at someone’s house to accommodate members with kids

**Actions at School/ Valley Level:**

* Put Environmental Education on staff meeting agendas
* Connect with your AB Ed person, or check in with Mardelle as we plan with Faye
* Share success in the EKEEPSA email group – the more voices in that space the better. Kelly Henderson is our communications person, so check in with her as well. You can send them to Mardelle, but then everyone gets sick of seeing her name. . . . .

**3.) CRANBROOK Notes :** (record it in a way that makes sense to your meeting)

**Attending**

**Discussion**

**Actions at School/ Cranbrook Level:**

**4) Communications/ Membership report**

**5) Financial report**

**6) Professional Development report**

* Past events:
  + Coyote Mentoring,
  + C2C,
  + RSA Collaboration Session,
  + Juliet Robertson
  + Partnering with SD5 to bring in speakers
* Upcoming events:
  + Sept SD5 date – Indigenous Perspectives
  + Dec ProD: Environmental Ed Focus
  + Ongoing: Champions for Youth Safe Outdoors SD5 Initiative
  + Partnerships with Social Justice/Intermediate/ Community Educators

**7) Leadership Circle Nipika**

**8) Elections**

Suggested that we adopt 2 year terms

Nominated/Will Stand Confirmed

\*President Mardelle Sauerborn √

Vice-President \*

\*Secretary: Jennifer Doll (GTES) √

\*Treasurer : Kate Ruoss (GTES) √

Pro- D Chair : Brooklyn Braconnier √

Communications/Membership Chair: Kelly Henderson √

Past-president: Kate Ruoss √

TTOC rep Emma Garforth-Bles √

**9) Discussion of goals for upcoming year**

Goal 1: Embed Ktunaxa Culture in Place Based Experiences (Seasonal Plan Focus)

Goal 2: Focus on Intermediate and High School Professional Development

Goal 3: Communication, connecting, and growing our membership

**11) Meeting Dates:**

Goal: Partner them with days our district is already together

Some ZOOM meetings to allow for local participation

Consider Member House meetings to accommodate members with families