**EKEEPSA Local Chapter Minutes**

**Agenda: Tuesday February 26, 2019**

Our agenda includes

\*Hello to new school reps

\*Summary of local meetings Feb 1 (Curriculum Day)

\*Nipika Leadership Clinic (April 26 to 28, 2019); we have room for 2 or 3 more)

\*Professional Development for Middle and HS teachers

\*Upcoming events ad opportunities

**Call to Order** – 3:45p.m.

**In attendance**

Kelley Henderson

Kate Ruoss

Jenn Doll

Harmony Lloyd, Sarah Finch IDS, Danielle Gibson Fernie

Mardelle Kelly

Steve Larson, Sparwood Secondary

Duncan Whittick, CBEEN and other hats are worn!!

Brooklyn Brocknere, Sparwood

Acknowledgement of our Ktunaxa Territory

Adoption of agenda November 20, 2018 – passed over this

Guest Speaker – **Duncan Whittick** – CBEEN et al.

\*Leadership Clinic – PSA Executive working with CBEEN to organize this event:

Weekend retreat in Kootenay National Park

\*Funded over the next three years

\*Twelve chapters are getting together to collaborate

\*NOTE: Webinars – free, with Green Teacher (Go to the CBEEN webpage for more information

\*Teacher nominations are opening up next week

\*Book order open – four titles (themes of Indigenous perspectives, Place-based Learning) order via the CBEEN website

\*Super Early Bird Fall Retreat Registration – September 2019

\*Book a complementary Wildvoices program soon!!

\*C2C.org for Fall PSA –

\*EECOM – Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – spring conference

Updates:

\*Feb. 1, 2019 – Curriculum Day Noon Hour meeting in the Valley and in Cranbrook

-review of each meeting

\*Harmony – asked about information in regards to Youth Safe Outdoors…

-talked about Youth Safe Outdoors; Fernie Secondary attendees and Middle School attended their noon meeting; projects; inconsistencies from administration due to different ways of operating each school…

-Theme – ‘Are you safe outdoors?’ discussions; Harmony talked about current planning taking place to create a list of participants at each school in SD5, learning more about Youth Safe Outdoors in the Valley and training to host information sessions;

The Youth Safe Outdoors group are working hard to move documentation forward and to update teachers in SD5 about safe fieldtrips, outings etc.

-there is a website to check out

RSA Day Update - Kate Ruoss – Bonnie workshop is full

Book Club – Mardelle

-is now officially housed at Fernie Secondary

-Mardelle will send out a picture of the books and it will be available on the Outlook EKEEPSA file

President’s Report - Grant acquisition initiative discussed as Mardelle’s “mission”

Communications Update – Kelley Henderson – nothing to update

Treasurer’s Report – Kate Ruoss

-currently the budget is at $480

-CBEEN grants - $1,000.00 (x2)

 – RSA Day was funded through SD5 and SD6 for bringing Bonnie into RSA Day in April 2019

-we have not used the current budget … maybe some incidentals that will come up for RSA Day

EKEEPSA Moving Forward – middle/high school

Sharing Circle: Theme - planning a workshop for Middle/High School teachers –

\*Jenn suggested a workshop to sponsor thoughts of moving tech into classrooms to support outside, in the field experiences

\*Kate suggested looking into working with a University instructor who has a tech background

\*Kate – suggestion of a hands on approach like inviting Dave Quinn to lead a workshop; sponsor a secondary level curricular workshop

\*Steve Larson – spoke about the task of encouraging middle/high school teachers…

 a) funding b) FIOPA c) consider that some of the population will have a difficult time participating d)those interested will be teachers already actively taking part

-Steve talked about the example of using other district projects to inspire secondary teachers; CBEEN would sponsor a meeting of the minds to encourage a sharing of ideas (Duncan has connections)

EKEEPSA has a voice – Mardelle

- let’s get people together who are engaged currently and willing to share; have some sharing systems with other members

-having 2 -3 people get together to plan a way to make an intermediate workshop work

-please let Mardelle know if you are interested helping a committee form to put ideas together for an intermediate workshop

Member Sharing - Teacher and School Initiatives

-Kate (Cranbrook) – Green Olympics

-Jenn – (Cranbrook) Watershed Stewardship Project – using technology

-Brooklyn – (Sparwood) – 3rd year for Wild School – Year of Water, Local Watershed Theme Celebration to wrap up the Wild School Project

-Mardelle – Farms to Compost – going great; visited the farm

-Kelly (Cranbrook) – getting the school green house going

-Harmony (Fernie) – nothing to report

-Steve Larson – Sparwood – Bullock, tanning a hide; John Powell – plants; Larson and Heart – Arch project at Elk Lakes installation, Henry Hamilton, professional Blacksmith and install three blacksmith signs on the trails; service learning with BC Parks

Nipika – Who will attend? (3 participants on either side)

Cranbrook – Kelley Henderson; Jenn Doll; Leigh C (suggestion); Tanya Meigher (suggestion)

-Kate will follow up with the suggested participants and send names in for Cranbrook side

Valley – Brooklyn; Steve Larson; Mardelle (travel up on the Friday night)

-people in the Valley will look after putting names forward for their area

\*SD5 – Jennifer Roberts has allocated funding for TTOC support for the days teachers will miss while at the Leadership Clinic

**Next Meeting: April 2019, date to be announced**

Adjournment at 4:50p.m.