

# **EEPSA June Meeting and AGM**

**June 13th, 2019 at Cottonwood Lake**

Attendance: 16 people

Vanessa, Sarah, Brenna, Monica, Kathleen, Megan, Christina, Danielle, Carly, Alison, Aaron, Paula, Etienne, Jonathan, Denise, Kyoko

## **Introduction of people and roles**

**Presentation of Agenda:** Motion to Adopt this agenda from Monica; Seconded by Sarah

## **Notes from last year's AGM - Megan**

Each school has a rep

Coyote Mentoring Book Club

C to C event

Motion to Adopt Report from last year's AGM from Monica; Seconded by Denise

## **Annual Report - Since last years AGM - Megan**

1. Participation in EECOM national conference at St. Eugene's near Cranbrook: October, 2018
2. Feb 7th, 2019 meeting - Pro D planned for April 8th
3. April 8th Pro-D: Coyote Mentoring, part 2; and Geology, Mining History, and Bat Ecology Field Study
4. Interactive Map created:  
<https://kl8eepsa.wixsite.com/kl8ee/collaborative-map>
5. New Executive went to Nipika for Leadership Clinic, April 26 - 28th, 2019
6. Launch of Kootenay Lake EEPSA Website:  
<https://kl8eepsa.wixsite.com/kl8ee>
7. Membership drive June 4th in Creston

## **Treasurer's Report - Sarah**

Budget/year = \$300 + \$20/membership

We could also apply to CBEEN for a \$1000 grant for Pro D event

Motion to Adopt Treasurer's Report from Megan; Seconded by Monica

### **Becoming a member**

\$20 fee / year

Signup online through BCTF -  
<https://bctf.ca/psa/join.aspx>

Need your BCTF membership number

\*Student teacher membership - same price per year

Handout given - reasons to join listed

EEPSA sponsors events + conferences which can come with discounts

**Point person at each school** - Rep present to share updates at staff meetings/celebrate outdoor ecological education or support colleagues in embedding outdoor ecological literacy into their teaching practices + add school photos/articles each month

**Website** up and running, but still under construction  
<https://kl8eepsa.wixsite.com/kl8ee>

**Interactive map** (google extension) with field trip locations made by teachers for teachers

Currently linked to website:  
<https://kl8eepsa.wixsite.com/kl8ee/collaborative-map>

Photos, information, resources, people linked to the maps

Helping to connect teachers to our local places and people

### **Classroom to Community Event - October 25th in SD8**

Modelled on a pro d event already hosted in sd20, sd5

Invite community members, resource people, organizations to mingle with teachers

Afternoon structured - theme based or mini-workshops with community educators and teachers to increase collaboration

Sheet present to brainstorm topics - Vanessa shows

Food Cupboard, Equine Therapy, Eco society, Chamber of Mines, etc.

Vision: to have Staff reps to chat with staff to find out what would be useful, who they would like to be connected to

Megan opens the floor: Any other ideas or comments people might have to share?

**Other ideas:**

Monica: meet at Cottonwood Lake once a month to share ideas and see what people are up to

Mentoring Program

New teachers mentor the older teachers (or experienced with inexperienced)

Messy Math

Coyote's Guide (Coyote Mentoring)

City Planning - "Let's Talk Energy"  
<https://energy.techno-science.ca/en/index.php>

**Ideas for C to C Day:**

Community Collaboration Environmental Stewardship

Barriers + Bridges to getting kids outside

Peer mentorship program

Risk management - policies, protocol, planning

Prep before you go: tools to getting kids ready

Building project based inquiry - start to finish

Teaching Climate Change

Social-Cultural connections

Indigenous Leaders: Protocols, Ethnobotany, Meeting people who are the keepers of the land

Seeking + Assessing + Applying for Grants

Art Therapy outside

Wetlands and water

Eco Crafts - working with fibres, dying fibres

Recycling + Compost in schools - maintenance workers

Outdoor Labour work placements for students - connecting NGOs with student helpers

**Handout papers for “door” prize draw -**

Etienne won paddle board rental and lesson from Get Up Stand Up Paddle Board Adventures;

Jonathan won Valhalla Pure gift certificate;

Brenna won Oso gift certificate;

Paula won Oso gift certificate;

Christina won Oso gift certificate

**School Reps:**

Denise Currie: South Nelson School Rep

Danielle Fiess: Crawford Bay Rep

Brenna Leitch: JVH

Kathleen Edwards: Mount Sentinel

: LVR

: Salmo Secondary

: Salmo Elementary

: Trafalgar Middle School

: Blewett Elementary

: Redfish Elementary

: Hume Elementary

: Wildflower

: Rosemont Elementary

: Brent Kennedy Elementary

: Winlaw Elementary

: WE Graham School