**EEPSA Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. PST

Location: Online (via GoToMeeting, see below for support)

Join URL:  <https://www.gotomeet.me/BCTF-PSA>

Or call-in: +1 (647) 497-9391
Dial in access Code: 232-994-837

In attendance Jonathan Dyck, Ryan Barfoot, Heidi Lessman Simm, Kerry Lanaway, Russell Vinegar, Megan Zeni, Laura Jackman, Frances Mccoubrey, Selina Metcalfe, Nick Townley , Donna Boucher (secretary)

1)     **Catching up** (all)

**2)**     **BCTF business**

a)     PSA Council (Jonathan): PSAC meeting with Teri Mooring on June 11

 Megan has concerns about Prep time for next year; Jonathan will let us know if there is any news from the bctf

b)     Financials (Russell)- funds will be carried over into the fall; not many new expenses during this time

c)     Membership (Laura) – 266 members; many renewals

 weekly eepsa blast has been well received

3)     **Communication** (Megan)

Members are sharing learning opportunities and upcoming events

Jonathan reminded everyone to like or share the eepsa items

Megan mentioned hash tagging eepsa as well to share info

 [Subcommittee](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TewBFpvReaL66fGvINQ6cCYdAil9irOK84S1B9r9EcI/edit) update – continue through the summer and we will come together in the fall.

Let Nick know of anything you want to share on the website.

4)     **Local Chapters**(Selina)

Local Chapter check-in call during leadership clinic so there is some sharing before the end of the year. Selina checks with them once a month to keep them updated on eepsa activities.

**5)**     **Previous business**

1. Outdoor Ed policy statement (Ryan) – follow up on BCTF letter (attached), review and adopt position statement (attached) Ryan met with interested groups to propose a “Position Statement on Outdoor Learning”. BCTF will need to review and approve the document. Jonathan suggested the primary document needs to focus on the average teacher taking kids outside…not the extended outdoor excursions that would require special training. Discussion followed about how to make this document relevant for all teachers, especially considering the current conditions.

Selina suggested we provide funds for EEPSA members to get together and work on details of the document. Now is the time to really bring outdoor learning to the forefront. Heidi mentioned we should build on this momentum and be proactive. Megan suggested each district should have a consultant overseeing outdoor learning initiatives in schools.

Jonathan said this draft is living as a draft and we need to add some of the suggestions as the document goes thru the process with the bctf. He will follow up on it and see what is involved. Selina suggested we get a committee in place to be prepared to help with this document to address multiple audiences. Important to include how it benefits mental health as well. Everyone agreed. EEPSA will continue to work on the draft.

OCC course – Frances suggested EEPSA play a role in this. Ryan and Nick have been promoting the model in the Lower Mainland, Kootenays and the Island. Discussion on this will be revisited in the fall.

b)     EECOM membership – follow up on renewal

**6)**     **Upcoming business**:

C2C Conference **ONLINE** (and in **Prince George)** on Oct. 23, 2020:

1. Update (Selina)

Call for proposals closes on June 15; proposals need to be vetted by June 23 when the program will be set. Hope to open registration by the end of June, then promote in Sept. Still working on the finances. Session presenters will need to be reimbursed. Meetings will continue.

1. Decision about BCTF support & EasyReg (Nick) – see attached

FAQ’s BCTF has offered a way to use Easy Reg for registration and will offer a big saving for this conference. CTC support the system for this conference which will be virtual and operated thru ZOOM. The steering committee needs to decide by June 19 if we will go with this platform.

BCTF created this support since we can not host a regular conference until 2021. There will be core sessions that anyone can sign up for. If we have 500 participants, it will only be $5 fee for each registrant.

MOTION - Frances moves, Nick seconds that EEPSA participate in the C2C October conference using EasyReg. Motion carried.

MOTION – Russel moves, Selina seconds that EEPSA provide $1000, plus $2500 grant from the BCTF to the C2C conference in October. Motion carried.

c)     Conference Steering Committee: Tuesday, June 23, at 4:00 p.m.

7) C2C Success Stories shared next week thru Zoom event on June 18th. A message regarding this Solstice event will be sent out.

Thanks everyone! Our next EEPSA exec meeting will be in Sept., but keep an eye out for other communications during the summer😊