**EKEEPSA Local Chapter Minutes for Nov 5, 2020**

1. **Call to Order** at 4:05pm
2. **Welcome and acknowledgement of Ktunaxa Territory**

* In attendance:
* Kate Ross
* Mardelle Sauerborn
* Cathryn Lennox
* Tanya Meijer
* Emma Gartoth-Bles
* Kelly
* Sylvie do Grandpre
* Monica Nissen
* Guest Speakers
* Duncan for CBEEN
* Janelle Park for WildSight Educator, HCTF, WildSchool Facilitator

1. **EKEEPSA business**

Member Sharing -  Teacher and School Initiatives

1. Kate (Gordon Terrace)

Staff had an outdoor ProD to Jim Smith Lake

Found being outside together very helpful

$5000 grant earmarked for outdoor project (maybe a shelter)

Dave Quinn from WildSight hired to get all students outside

1. Tanya (Highland)

Lots of classes going outside everyday

Using Idlewild Park nearby

1. Kelly (Steeples)

Lots of classes going outside and Grade 5/6 x2 a week

Full day hikes including lunch outside

Apple Capture with WildSight

WildSight in for Nature through the Seasons

Brining students outside for all subjects

Adopted a tree

1. Janelle (Elk Valley)

CBEEN and HCTF offering many workshops/classes/ProD opportunities

Get Outdoor Workshops going well

Pro D in Jaffray was a success and discovered wild spaces near their school

EIDES outdoor classroom going up

HCTF has a lot of grant opportunities for getting kids outside and project - cash is available!

WildSight Winter Wonder is open for registration

HCTF offers Wild School program and encourages school to apply for next year

1. Monica (?)

Keen for EKEEPSA to continue to build relationships between groups - reaching our to School Districts

Encouraging outdoor practices to start simple to help teachers begin outdoor/place based learning

Lots of great resources out there already:

<https://kbee.ca/activities/>

<https://kbee.ca/outside/>

<https://www.hctfeducation.ca/resource-room/>

<https://wildsight.ca/programs/environmental-education/>

<https://cbeen.ca/education-resources/>

1. Sylvie (?)

C2C online conference went well

Think about the language used for Placed Based Learning

1. Duncan Whittick (KCB, CBEEN)

The Take-Me-Outside challenge went well. Elk Valley had the most total teachers/learners engaged and Silver in %

Leadership Clinic will be postponed till Spring 2022

Celina working on alternate options, such as release days to connect and build community

Workshops and Webinars are ongoing

Duncan has offered to help if one needs support for funding applications

Federal money is being used in a lot of schools for outdoor learning

Outdoor Learning store is in over 100 schools in Province - so lots of monies able to be given back to schools

1. **President’s Report**
2. 2019/20 Year in Review - Mardelle
   * Covid changed end of year plans, but silver lining of many more teachers and students willing to go outside
   * 2020-2021 Executive:
     + President: Kelly Henderson/Jen Doll
     + Secretary: Cathryn Lennox
     + Treasurer: Kate Ross
     + TTOC Rep: Emma Gartoth-Bles
     + Member-at-Large: Mardelle Sauerborn
3. Provincial Updates
   * At BCTF Zones - Social Justice
   * There is a focus on holding space for BIPOC and Indigenous stories and sharing them.
   * Ab. Ed. Advisory Committee recognizing that there is a need to think beyond and start imbedded the stories into Place Based Learning
   * Also a need for hiring equality
   * EEPSA AGM
   * C2C Conference at 500-600 people
   * The technology worked well for online conference
   * Provincial crew still feels like that keeping groups and activities small and local is the best to bring people together outside is very important
   * EEPSA goal is still to increase Membership, but SD% Membership numbers are awesome(helps that SD5 covered CBEEN AND EEPSA Membership)
   * Cut off for numbers is June - so Spring drive to bring in numbers for following year
4. 2020/21 Goals
   * The Year End goal is to invite and support Ab. Ed teachers and support workers with the need for Placed Based initiatives with Ab. Ed involvement
   * Continue to invite Ab. Ed. support workers to meetings throughout the year
   * Attach Place Based activities with 2/3x a year and connect them with Ktunaxa celebrations i.e. Fall/Spring

1. **Treasurer’s Report Review 2020**
   * + 1. Budget on Google Drive
       2. Allocated to EKEEPSA by EEPSA: $320 (@$20/membership) = $920 current budget
       3. Additional Income: CBEEN Funding – 2 $1000 grants, can apply as necessary
       4. All receipts send to Kate Ross who will forward along

1. **Committee Reports**
2. Communications Membership Drive    
   - Suggestions for connecting to promote Social Media tagging

- FB/Instagram/# helps to share stories further and BCED/EnviroEd can see participation

1. Lending Library / Book Clubs / New books on CBEEN website

* using Library Thing to sign out. Collections at various school at the moment. Book clubs could shift to video series/podcasts/YouTube to provide different paths to information
* Check out Braiding Sweetgrass, also in audiobook format

1. PD: Dec. 6th

Go outside when possible - Staff are Zoomed out

Personalized small local group options (walks/xcountry skiing/etc.)

Include Ab. Ed. where possible to include Place Based Learning

Invite personally to help with Staff and Admin response (look for teachers who aren’t Members who might need/want connections)

Sophie offered C2C presentation

<https://cbeen.ca/workshops/>

Post on EKEEPSA any photos!

1. **Next Meeting**

January 20201. Exact Date and Time to be determined

1. **Prize for attendance awarded to Sophie - Congrats!**
2. **Adjournment**at 5pm