MEETING Minutes – Jan. 18th, 2021

Call to order: 7:02 pm

Motion: Adopt the agenda. Motioned by Vanessa. Seconded Frances. Passed

Motion: Adopt the minutes from the last meeting. Motioned by Frances. Seconded by Maymie. Passed

ACTION ITEMS:

* Frances will ask about EEPSA/Take Me Outside gear at EEPSA meeting tomorrow

Vanessa has the information to get some Take Me Outside and is working on how to pay for it and receive the goods (i.e. stickers and ball caps). Frances will email EEPSA to get stickers.

* Vanessa and Frances will reconnect with respective PD Chairs re: grants

CCTA grant has been deposited ($1,000.33 balance). No word yet from Glen and the PGDTA. Funds are supposed to be forthcoming (minus the amount from Frances’ workshop). Vanessa will follow up with Glen.

* Frances ask EEPSA if we can send position statement to other PSAs.

The position statement is free for sharing as far and wide as we wish, including with other PSAs.

* Shirley will write article for Counsellors PSA and mention our position statement.

Pending. Incorporate consideration of how place-based learning helps form identity.

LOCAL EVENTS

* Potentially offer microskills of outdoor ed to/with Valemount teachers (from last meeting).

Pending.

* Any plans for the Winter?

Vanessa has been requested to speak to a PG school staff on risky play.

Potential idea: use the latest issue of Teacher magazine to spark conversations on what people are doing and offer some door prizes for participation.

Maybe a spring equinox event? Goal = try to have one more event by the end of the year.

Frances is thinking of doing a “call out” to EEPSA members to have them show her evidence of their use of outdoor learning/the walking curriculum (i.e. send her a picture to maybe get a prize). GOAL = before spring break.

FUNDING

* Treasurer’s update
* Funding requests

Motion: to spend $100 per locale (i.e. WL, PG, Valemount) on gift certificates for the Outdoor Store as prizes for teacher participants in a community-building exercise. Motioned by Frances. Seconded by Maymie. Passed.

Motion: to purchase three EEPSA memberships for use as prizes for teacher participants in a community-building exercise. Motioned by Vanessa. Seconded by Frances. Passed.

EEPSA LSA support offer

Selina (EEPSA) is offering us some support in lieu of the events that would typically be happening to support LSAs. We will plan to meet again to complete the survey from Selina and tie it into potentially helping to support the Barkerville place-based learning day. We will work collaboratively to complete the survey in a Google Doc (ahead of our next meeting).

Action item: Frances will send the survey to Selina and share how we would like to use the release days.

Next meeting:

* Connect with Nechako Lakes
* Explore other potential funding sources (e.g. Habitat Conservation Trust, SD 57 Indigenous Education LTG, FNESC)
* September Barkerville pro-d

New business for next meeting: when might we want to have a release day?

Next meeting date: Tuesday, February 16, 6 pm

Motion to adjourn 8:00 pm. Motioned by Vanessa. Seconded by Maymie.