**Date**: Wednesday, January 13 (3:00 pm)

**Location**: Online (Microsoft Teams meeting)

**Present:** Alison Leslie, Amy Wilder, Andrew Landry, Sarah Schnare, Diana Brebeck, Cheryl Leclerc, Monika Stahlstrom, Christine Syms, Katy Messcu, Kristy Harrison

**Agenda**:

1. Catching up (all)
2. EEPSA/SEED36 Business

**EEPSA update (Alison for Selina):** EEPSA has funding available for local chapters this year. There is an EEPSA survey that Alison wants our feedback on – please fill out responses on the [forms link](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z-m0CBOBDUK6B1L31N-KzVbNdCaJwJpMrStZJGhcVYFUOENQUjNaOTg5UzM0QjJHTjYxM0VMNFZVWS4u) if you have a minute. We will discuss our answers and complete the information at our next executive meeting. <http://eepsa.org/>

**SEED36 update (Alison):**  Alison is now the VP at EKOLogy (congrats!) She can continue to be the LSA president but will not be able to present at STA conventions. Our excellent fall newsletter was shared and the SEED36 Team currently has 82 participants. Admin and teachers continue to reach out to EKOLogy for resources and to Drew for garden support.

**Financials update (Amy):**

We have 21 members, allowing for budget of $720.

**Reminder:** Members of Seed36 are encouraged to join or renew their $30 membership to EEPSA as our funding allotment is based on membership (Note: $20 comes back to our group). Pro-D funding can be used for PSA memberships. SEED36 is 1 of 13 local chapters of EEPSA and an LSA. Membership numbers helps strengthen our ability to advocate.

Links for membership to EEPSA:

<http://eepsa.org/membership/> <https://bctf.ca/psa/join.aspx>

<https://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/PSAs/~PSA-ApplicationForm.pdf>

1. **Previous Business**:
2. **Newsletter** (Cheryl): Thank you to everyone who submitted articles to the wonderful Fall newsletter of “Rooted”, which linked to the Indigenous Perspectives focus day. Several people offered to submit articles for the Winter newsletter (Alison: West Coast winter rain; Cheryl: nature name inquiry project; Kristy: iNaturalist citizen science; Drew: garden prep for spring; Diana & Sarah: Top 10 list of picture books). We discussed the challenge of sharing a PDF on twitter or hosting to a website, so we are going to try Sway. Please submit to Cheryl or upload to Sway by January 31st for distribution in early February. [leclerc\_c@surreyschools.ca](mailto:leclerc_c@surreyschools.ca). (Note: Ideas for Spring newsletter included: Top 10 partners/links; planting tips for the new gardens; promoting the Garden Resource application process for 2021/2022 applications; field trip policy and overcoming obstacles to taking kids outside)
3. **Communication** (Sarah & Diana): Teams group has lost a bit of the initial momentum; we noted that how to better utilize the SEED 36 Team as part of our goals at the next meeting.
4. **Garden Resource application/implementation** (Drew): Waiting for the list of newly selected schools. We have seeds to distribute to the new and current school gardens.
5. **New Business**:
6. Farm to School initiative. SEED36 signed up to partner with this organization. A Rocha has offered to host and provide healthy snacks to attendees (COVID-permitting). There is a microgreen project available for secondary students – Drew is interested; contact Alison for info if interested.
7. Discussed ongoing challenges with clarity about District rules on field trips, permission forms, ratios. Different schools have different interpretation of the district ratios for supervision of walking field trips to local parks. Alison will continue to work on creating information about policy/practices/protocols/checklist/permission forms to help facilitate this hurdle for teachers.

c) Revisiting Goals for 2020/21

* **Pro-D for this year**: suggested hosting a “What is SEED36?” session for the STA convention day since it is likely to be online again this year
* **Networking/Increase Membership**: Membership drive in the Spring to remind members to renew or new members to join.
* **Supporting teachers with outdoor learning**: This year presents an excellent opportunity to promote and support place-based learning as teachers and students will be encouraged to take learning outdoors due to COVID. Seasonal newsletter and sharing resources, photos and videos on Teams going forward to support members/teachers.
* **Supporting schools with the Garden Resource application/implementation**: ongoing; information on SEED36 teams.

**Next meeting**: Wed. Feb. 17 at 3 pm on TEAMS for goal setting, spring newsletter planning, and EEPSA survey results discussion. Meeting adjourned: 3:45 pm.