

EKEEPSA Local Chapter Minutes for March 17, 2021

Location: Online (via TEAMS)

1. **Call to Order** at 4:02pm

2. **Welcome and acknowledgement of Ktunaxa Territory**

In attendance:

- Jennifer Doll
- Kate Ross
- Mardelle Sauerborn
- Cathryn Lennox
- Kelly Henderson
- Sylvie de Grandpre
- Emma Gartoth-Bles

Guest Speakers

- Janelle Park for Wild Sight Educator, HCTF, Wild School Facilitator

3. **EKEEPSA business**

Member Sharing

i. Jennifer Doll

- Looking over answers to Survey questions from Local Chapter Survey with Saleena Metcalf on February 19th, 2021
- Working with Ktunaxa creation story in class
- Using outdoor connection with Duncan and Sylvie
- Noticing how much easier it is to get out with the sun and Spring weather
- 'Thank You' to Mardelle for setting up TEAMS for EKEEPSA.

ii. Sylvie do Grandpre

- Continue working on PhD and grid for the Core Competencies in regards to outdoor education.

iii. Kate Ross

- Keep on keeping on!

iv. Kelly Henderson

- Enjoying hikes, local playgrounds
- Six Cedars Unit upcoming

v. Mardelle

- Started with a tech talk for the group about TEAMS
- Lots of work with fires, river walks and safety outdoor conversations
- Ktunaxa counting books are still in progress
- Incorporating Ktunaxa language with new technology
- Continuing conversations with C2C and provincial EEPsAs.

vi. Janelle

- HCTF and Wild Sight have a lot of resources for District and Teachers and to please look online for the resources available

- Asking for input from Teachers on how to best support them with incorporating Environmental Education
 - Mardelle encourages teachers to participate in the Wild School initiative. It made a huge difference over the 3 years and even with a huge teacher turnover incorporating staff Pro-D and teacher engagement keeps it going.
 - Kate R appreciated the 'Go Grants' and has put in for Wild School
 - Suggested the Janelle go to Staff Meetings to ask and inform
 - Suggested an App be created to help with organizing the resources available
 - Suggested a pamphlet/poster be created to help with organizing the resources available

7. **Other**

- Discussion about creating a regular meeting date. Mardelle will put a form on Teams for members to vote on
- Money in the EKEEPSA
 - Can be used to buy gifts to give to Elders who help with programs/classes
 - Help with Pro Ds and provide assistance to keep Pro D small/local and personal
 - Prizes for EKEEPSA member who participate (side note: PADLET can be used)

-Harmony is interested in helping with the pamphlet/poster idea

8. **Next Meeting**

April 21 2021 at 4pm

9. **Adjournment** at 4:51pm

NOTE: Earth Hour is Saturday March 27, 2021; Earth Day is April 22nd