UNITE EEPSA Local Chapter for Vancouver, B.C. Constitution

Dated: September 16, 2021

The name of this association shall be UNITE (Urban Nature Inclusive Teaching Environment), subsection of the VTF, Vancouver Teachers Federation and chapter of the Environmental Educators’ PSA

GOALS

The goals of this association shall be:

* Build relationships and understanding between Indigenous, more-than-human, and non-Indigenous community members and the natural world we collectively share.
* Relationship building with Vancouver Parks and community partners to support use of outdoor spaces and accessing place-based educational opportunities
* To support the education community in deepening their connections with people, places and practice.

Base of operation

The operations of the association are to be carried on in VSB 39 Vancouver].

By-Laws

Article 1—Membership

Membership shall be open to any person who is a member of the local teachers’ union and the

PSA. The membership year shall be 2021-2022.

Article 2—Fees and Financial Records

a. Membership fees shall be established by resolution at each annual general meeting of the association.

b. The financial records of the association shall be maintained by the treasurer and shall be open to the membership and to the executive of the parent provincial specialist association.

3—Officers

The officers shall be president, vice-president, past president, secretary, treasurer, professional development chairperson, and membership coordinator.

Officers shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual general meeting.

Article 4—Committees

a. The executive committee shall be the officers of the association.

b. Committees may be appointed by the executive committee from among the members of the association. Such committees shall be responsible to the executive committee.

c. Wherever a vacancy occurs in the executive committee through any cause, the executive committee shall name a member to fill the vacancy until the next general meeting.

Article 5—Meetings

a. The annual general meeting of the association shall be held each year at a time and place to be designated by the executive committee.

b. Other general meetings of the association shall be held from time to time as ordered by the executive.

Article 6—Representations to outside agencies

Any representations made by the chapter to an authority outside the local teachers’ union (on a local issue to the school board) or PSA (on a provincial matter to the Ministry of Education) should be conducted through the local teachers’ union or the EEPSA executive.