

## **EKEEPSA Local Chapter AGM Minutes for October 27, 2021**

Location: Online (via Zoom)

1. **Call to Order** at 4:05pm
2. **Welcome and acknowledgement of Ktunaxa Territory**
  - In attendance:
    - Kelly Henderson, President
    - Mardelle Sauerborn, Chair and Communications
    - Kate Ruoss, Treasurer
    - Cathryn Lennox, Secretary
    - Kate Porter
    - Emma Gartoth-Bles, TTOC Rep.
    - Colleen O'Shea
    - Anneli Schadeli
    - Kristen Lewis
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  - Guest Speakers
    - Duncan, Director for CBEEN
    - Janelle Park, WildSight Educator, HCTF, WildSchool Facilitator
    - Sylvie do Grandpre, on leave
    - Faye O'Neill, Cultural Facilitator for SD5
3. **Introductions and highlights of the year**

Member Sharing - Teacher and School Initiatives

  - i. Kelly (Steeple)
  - Spuds and Tubs programs started
  - Compassionate Gardening
  - new Greenhouse at the school
  - ii. Colleen (TTOC)
  - New moved from Bella Bella, Bella Coola
  - Experience with cultural based Outdoor Ed.
  - iii. Duncan Whittick (CBEEN Director)
  - Nipika retreat is scheduled for April 22-24
  - Every Child Matters Year Long Challenge
  - iv. Kate (Amy Woodland)
  - Grants for developing outdoor spaces
  - Enjoying being a WildSchool
  - v. Faye (SD5 Ab. Ed. Coordinator)
  - Zoom workshops ongoing
  - Continuing to support schools and teachers
  - vi. Anneli (Kootenay Orchard)
  - Putting in a garden
  - Loving all the outdoor learning in classrooms
  - Developing more outdoor spaces
  - vii. Cathryn (ÉIDES)
  - Using resources (Nature Through the Seasons, etc.)

- Enjoying how much easier it is to take students outdoors
- viii. Janelle (Wildsight, HCTF, TTOC)
  - Available to support teachers and connect students to place.
- ix. Emma (Forest School, TTOC)
  - Place responsive learning
  - Completing Masters
- x. Sylvie de Grandpre (on leave)
  - Completing Ph. D.
  - Connecting First Principals of Learning to Outdoor Education
- xi. Mardelle (FJMES)
  - Library Learning Commons
  - Integrating all Place Based learning to Indigenous perspectives

## 12. **Guests**

- i. Duncan Whittick (CBEEN Director)
  - Join the Take Me Outside Challenge (lots of gift cards available!!)
  - Workshops are being updated constantly - keep taking a look
  - Email sent to the EKEEPSA group with more details
  - Nipika retreat is scheduled for April 22-24. Great space for jump starting plans, projects and connections.
- ii. Sophia de Grande-Pierre
  - Co-created an amazing resource where she has organized the Core Competencies with in a rubric for Outdoor Education.
  - Can be found on the EKEEPSA email group.
- iii. Janelle Park (Coordinator for WildSight, WildSchools and HCTF)
  - There is money available for grants for a variety of projects
  - Print and Go resources available through the HCTF and WildSight websites
  - Pro-D in June "Bring the Salmon Home" for the Columbia Valley
- iv. Faye O'Neill (Cultural Facilitator for SD5)
  - Resource of Core Competencies with Ktunaxa animals
  - Completing Civilization kits for Gr. 9 SS
  - Creating Ktunaxa calendar resources
  - Lots of projects on the go

## 5. **Membership Report**

- i. Current membership healthy at 57 (ish)

## 6. **Financial Report**

- i. Memberships roll over in January
- ii. See separate report sent by Kate
- iii. 1920\$ to spend on Pro-D
- iv. SD5 pays for the EKEEPSA Membership

## 7. **Elections**

- i. President: Kelly Henderson (Colleen to assist)

- ii. Vice President: Mardelle Sauerborn
- iii. Secretary: Cathryn Lennox
- iv. Treasurer: Kate Ruoss (but will pass along if there is another interested)
- v. Communications Chair: Mardelle Sauerborn (Cathryn to assist)
- vi. Pro D Chair: Emma Gartoth-Bles (with Janelle and Duncan to provide assistance)
- vii. TTOC Rep: Emma Gartoth-Bles
- viii. Member-at-Large: Kristen Lewis, Anneli Schadel

7. **Other Business:**

- i. TTOC Rep will work on creating a list for the call out system/schools to know which TTOCs have Outdoor/Placed-Based experience.
- ii. When creating call out in SRB to write a note that Outdoor/Placed Based experience would be an asset, if necessary.
- iii. EKEEPSA meetings will continue to be open ended places to share information and occur approximately 4x a year.
  - Sept. (budget)
  - Feb. (before RSA day)
  - May (end of year)
  - Flex meeting
- iv. Any sub-committees might meet more often at their discretion (ex. Pro-D committee)
- v. A HUGE Thank you to Jen Doll for all her time and energy to EKEEPSA and all the best with her new position.

8. **Next Meeting**

- The next EKEEPSA meeting will be to join the 11th Annual C2C Winter Solstice Celebration, a Provincial EEPSA meeting, in December

9. **Prizes - ??**

10. **Adjournment** at 5:40pm