

EEPSA Executive Meeting – Sept. 29, 2015

White Spot Restaurant, Lougheed Towncentre, Coquitlam

In attendance : Selina Metcalfe, David Zandvliet, Ryan Barfoot, Dallas Plensky, Bruce Ford, Laurelei Primeau, Jasmin Pilling, Jonathan Dyck, Donna Boucher (Secretary)

1) Catching up (all) ; meeting called to order at 6 :00 pm.

2) BCTF business

PSAC update (JD and KL from Summer Conference)

Jonathan attended summer conference and bctf workshop training being developed by Social Justice committee. Lots of conversation regarding new curriculum and including more environmental focus. Workshops focused on specific issues – ie resource exploitation, climate change etc – with lots of potential. School districts will be able to book them in the future and Jonathan will be potential facilitator. Selina also has facilitator training so she can also represent EEPSA.

Financials update (LP)- really good shape financially – Jasmine will send out details, but as of June 30 - balance was \$10, 370.

Membership update (LP)- 152 members, 112 BCTF members, 29 students

Per Capita Grant (all) – thanks from Selina for your contributions to the grant info. Members added the events that EEPSA was involved in.

3) Outreach and communication (DP)- Dallas shared info on field trip information to locals so she was able to collaborate with others in her district. We will be highlighting educators who are ambassadors for environmental education.

Jonathan has submitted an article on place-based learning in the recent Social Justice newsletter.

Selina has a highlight from Williams Lake – Francis doing place-based learning. Outdoor Council of Canada update (RB) – Ryan is the current director for BC. He would like to engage council members (200) with EEPSA . Selina said EEPSA would be willing to co-host a pro-d event focusing on experiential learning and

place-based learning. EEPSA will contribute funds for costs and Selina suggested possible discounts for OCC certification. Ryan will take suggestions to his members and get back to us with possible collaborations.

EEPSA representation at WEEC – Vancouver, 2017 (DZ) – David is in planning stages and welcomes involvement of EEPSA. IEL is involved with various planning stages, just need to decide on level of EEPSA involvement – steering committee, local organizing committee, contributor? SFU has contributed \$15,000, UVIC \$5,000, Royal Roads \$2,000 ... Hoping to match local funds then approach Min. Of Ed. David would like to see all audiences – informal and formal - contribute. He would like an EEPSA rep on the steering committee and a financial contribution, but more importantly, a deeper connection to what is going on in our province. This is the opportunity to work together. Lots of decisions still need to be made and David will keep us updated. Discussion followed. It was decided that Jonathan will represent EEPSA on the steering committee and EEPSA will contribute funds (amount to be determined at future meeting). David and Jonathan will send reports to the executive. David thanked everyone for their support and is happy to be back actively involved with EEPSA.

4) Previous business

AGM and June Solstice Event (All) – Great collaboration. Very professional and participants with the results.

5) Upcoming business

EECOM (BF)- Canmore, Alberta 15-18 – Lots of partners co-hosting the event. Bruce, Selina and Donna will attend and report back to members.

Next EECOM conference in Aug. 2016 in Manitoba. CBEEN conference with EECOM in 2018. Children and Nature International Conference in Vancouver, 2017. Bruce will send out more details.

PQT Inquiry on place-based literature with BCTELA (SM and JD) – Inquiry will involve 6 release days over the course of the year. Members involved are Selina, Jonathan, Barb, Kerry and possibly Dallas. Selina will send out details to exec members for consideration.

PSA day October 23(All)

Winter Solstice (SM) – will be on Thursday , Dec 17 with location still to be confirmed.

New Teacher's Conference February 26-27, 2016 in Richmond – Jonathon and David will present workshop (details still in discussion). Selina will send confirmation and Donna with request a display booth/table.

Next executive meeting in Nov.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15