**EEPSA Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, Apr. 20, 2020 at 11:00 am PST

Location: Online (via GoToMeeting)

Attending : Jonathan Dyck, Selina Metcalfe, Nick Townley, Laura Jackson, Megan Zeni, Russell Vinegar, Heidi Lessman, Ryan Barfoot, Colin Mayer, Donna Boucher

1)     **Catching up** (all)

**2)**     **BCTF business**

a)     PSA Council (Jonathan): PSAC meeting Feb. 28-29 report - update – a total revamp of the bctf website and a redesign of Teach BC (check out feed-back forms on website),

next meeting will be online

b)    Financials (Russell) – less money beings spent on meetings and snacks, look at how we can spend the money and encourage others to spend funds on book clubs…; people who booked travel will be refunded

c)    Membership (Laura) – catching up on renewal reminders

3)     **Communication** (Megan):

 Subcommittee Megan suggested members send in ideas where communication could be improved; presently looks good; Laura suggested weekly newsletter to teachers to encourage outdoor learning. Frances has noticed lots of teachers are reposting info she sends out. She will help out with this. Thru Teams, she has made a resource library that others can access. Good response. She will share that. Laura said it can not be shared if it is on a private page, but she would like to see what others have. Selina suggested sending out 3 resources a week that have been curated by an EEPSA member. Also showcase one idea and one activity per month. Ryan agreed…positive representations…and archive it. He has a template that may work for this (will send out). Jonathan suggested we may need guidelines and this could happen at a future meeting. Frances offered to send out what members are doing (choose one each week). Megan would like a link to the EEPSA webpage and have it archived. Nick will put it up on website. Jonathan suggested launching it later this week with Local Chapters check-in. Selina suggested updating the website by adding photos of activities.

4)     **Local Chapters**(Selina):

Check in this Thursday, Apr. 23 at 10 a.m. PST Leadership Clinic. Selina suggested Frances launch the activity or resource sharing at the clinic. Duncan is taking the lead on the meeting so she will share what happens.

**5)**     **Previous business**

a)   Outdoor Ed policy statement – motion to BCTF, subcommittee to draft policy brief? Frances, Megan, Nick and Ryan will be discussing this at a meeting on Wed at 10. Frances will report back.

b)    EECOM membership – follow up on renewal.

c)    Earth Rangers and corporate sponsorship – position statement has been approved if we ever need it.

d)    New Teachers Conference in **Richmond** on Saturday, January 25, 2020: Frances, Jonathan

Successful! Participants interested in getting engaged in place-based education

e)   Cross Border Conference in **Surrey** on Feb. 29, 2020: Selina, Frances, Jonathan

Selina said it strengthened our ties with Social Justice communities and BCTF. Many cool presenters and 200 participants. Good connections made and youth were an important part of the conference. Very inspiring and lots of different perspectives presented. Selina would like the link to the youth panel shared on EEPSA website. Selina will check to make sure they have consent from the youth involved).

**6)**     **Upcoming business**

a)    New Teachers Conference in**Nelson** on Saturday, May 23, 2020: cancelled

b)    C2C Conference in **Prince George** on Oct. 22-24, 2020: Conference Steering Committee meets May 5, 4:30-6 online. Selina noted there are many locals from Prince George still actively involved with planning, as well as a few EEPSA exec. Not sure how this point what the conference will look like, but we will have more to share at June meeting.

**7) Other**

**8)     Future Meeting Dates: Monday, June 15 – time – send thoughts on time to Jonathan.**

**Thanks everyone 😊**