**EEPSA Executive Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at 4:30 pm PST

Location: Online (via GoToMeeting)

Attending : Jonathan Dyck, Frances McCoubrey, Laura Jackman, Selina Metcalfe, Heidi Lessman Simm, Ryan Barfoot, Donna Boucher (secretary)

1)     **Catching up** (all)

**2)**     **BCTF business**

a)     PSA Council (Jonathan): PSAC meeting Feb. 28-29

Jonathan reminded members to bring forward any questions to take to future meetings

b)    Financials (Russell) - will send later

c)    Membership (Laura)

Membership list currently 266

3)     **Communication** (Megan): Subcommittee

Megan is at meeting tonight but get ideas into Google Doc

Selina suggested a short online meeting to talk through ideas for conference

Megan wants to remind members to use EEPSA hashtag on communications done thru social media

4)     **Local Chapters**(Selina): Leadership clinic at Nipika April 24-26 (received Rural Special Grant of $2000) ; teams from local chapters across Columbia Basin and presidents from Local Chapters from other districts will be attending.

Local Chapters are boosting their numbers and hosting pro-d in their districts.

Jonathan suggested a Motion for budget to address expenses for 2020 Nipika clinic.

MOTION – Jonathan made a motion for EEPSA to cover travel expenses for Jonathan and Selina and presidents from Local Chapters. Selina seconded. Motion carried.

**5)**     **Previous business**

1. Outdoor Ed policy statement – motion to BCTF, subcommittee to draft policy brief?

The motion is going forward and vp Clint Johnston is very supportive. He suggested a one-page list of guidelines. Ryan will spearhead this and will work on a draft. If anyone is interested please contact Ryan (Francis and Laura are interested). The discussion can continue at the Nipika Leadership Clinic.

1. EECOM membership – motion to renew ($150)?

Heidi made a MOTION to renew our EEPSA membership with EECOM. Laura seconded.

Motion carried.

1. Solstice Event(s) in December

Selina attended the Vancouver Leadership Circle beforehand then social event after. Need to work on building the Metro Vancouver leaders so similar social events are still relevant and important to continue.

**6)**     **Upcoming business**

1. New Teachers Conference in **Richmond** on Saturday, January 25, 2020: Frances, Jonathan

EEPSA workshop and there will be an EEPSA display table (pass off to Selina)

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

c)     New Teachers Conference in**Nelson** on Saturday, May 23, 2020: Laura and CBEEN/KBEE

Laura will do exhibitor table in Nelson so she will need the display (Selina will take to Nipika ); registration for Nelson conference will open in March)

d)    C2C Conference in **Prince George** on Oct. 22-24, 2020: Conference Steering Committee meets on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 4:30 p.m. Frances and Vanessa have been checking out sites for the conference. Lots of good ideas. Join committee online (info sent out by Selina).

**7)     Other:**

Earth Rangers and corporate sponsorship – position statement?

Selina suggested EEPSA use responses from members to come up with an appropriate position that supports BCTF. Jonathan will draft a letter and send it to members to review.

Frances expressed concerns about her district closing outdoor kindergarten program. She wants to know if EEPSA has ideas on how to contribute to the conversation… Jonathan suggested getting allies – union local and parents - would be the best strategy. Also, checking out success stories across the province (send links if possible).

Selina is working on re-vamping the Climate Heroes Workshop. She will let us know how it works out.

**8)     Future Meeting Dates**

**Monday, Apr. 6**

**Monday, June 8**

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm

Thanks everyone 😊