

EEPSA Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021 04:00 PM PST -- Online (via Zoom)

1) **Introductions/Catching up** (all) Jonathan Dyck, Heidi Lessman Simm, Duncan Whittlock, Selina Metcalfe, Mardelle Sauerborn, Laura Jackman, Frances Mccoubrey, Nick Townley, Megan Zeni, Karen Andrews, Donna Boucher

2) BCTF business:

- PSA Council Update (Jonathan): [Recommendations](#) passed on Climate Change Education, Resources and Curriculum Connections; PSAC [feedback](#), AOEC [petition](#) (motion & disseminate) - Anti-Oppression group that EEPSA can possible join forces with; next year Jonathan will be the chair for the PSA Council meetings
- Treasurer Update (Colin) unable to attend meeting; no issues with finances. Gift card receipts need to be in to Colin by June 18. Nick can submit invoice for C2C to Jonathan for reimbursement.
- Membership update (Laura): Kootenay district agreement - the district will be purchasing EEPSA memberships for all their teachers in the fall. 5 school districts will be buying memberships for their teachers.

Currently we have 366 members

3) **Communication** (Megan): Tracked our communication reach - has been growing online - increases in all social media formats (Jonathan will add link)

- Website (Nick) update to come in the fall
- Logo (Selina): Selina would like us to allocate in principle some funding to the local chapters to create a logo that has elements of the EEPSA logo. Selina will investigate the process and cost, then share in the fall

4) **Local Chapters** (Selina) 11 chapters have reported back to Selina. There has been good membership and outreach will continue (post pandemic). They had several goals building on networking, memberships, hosting professional opportunities. Selina has a copy of specific results that Jonathan would like Selina to share at a PSA meeting in the fall. Selina feels it has made us more relevant and is happy with the responses. Laura

suggested partnering with other districts and possibly set up a framework for future meetings. Laura and Selina will meet in July

and come up with some ideas that they will share in the fall. Selina suggested applying for an inquiry grant in the fall.

5) Previous business

- C2C Workshops & OLS (Duncan): OLS Partnership Agreement (attached)

Over 5000 people registered for spring sessions; partnered with Take me Outside. Many other partners coming onboard

20 virtual workshops scheduled for next school year. The store has supported

750 schools this year. EEPsA is invited back as an enhanced partner.

MOTION: Jonathan motions to renew our partnership agreement with OLS.

Seconded by Laura. Motion carried.

- EECOM (Nick) - Nick attended. It was an online conference but lots of opportunities to connect and network virtually. Hosted in Toronto and OISE. Looking for a new host for next year.
- IEL (Donna) - No recent meetings but the Institute just launched a special issue of CJEE focused on ocean literacy this week; David Zandvliet is excited about the ELE reboot that EEPsA will take part in (Jonathan will share details in upcoming business). I will pass along any other events as they come up.

6) Upcoming/new business:

- C2C Solstice Event (Selina) - June 17, 4:30 pm - success stories will be shared; 76 people signed up so far.
- C2C 2021 update (Karen) - conference planning meetings with a title decided, as well as proposals now being reviewed (over 70). We will be meeting on June 22 to make decisions on proposals and decide the format of the conference. The program and fees will be decided at that time. Sponsorship package will be coming out soon so look for potential sponsors in your district. Possible key note is Lorna Williams. Many decisions still to be made.
- AGM 2021 (Jonathan)

- ELE Reboot (Selina/Jonathan) Environmental Learning and Experience Guide will be getting an update with a redraft that lines up with new curriculum and current issues. The Education Ministry is now interested, as well as other ministries excited to take part. In the process of writing up a draft proposal and will bring it forward in June and will create a working group. The invitations will likely come out in the fall with funding. Good start!

7) **Next EEPISA exec meeting: September**

Thanks everyone! Enjoy your summer break :)