**Date**: February 1, 2022 (3:15 pm)

**Location**: Online (Teams meeting)

**Present:** Christine Syms, Lora Sarchet, Niki Leech, Kristy Harrison, Amy Wilder, Selina Metcalfe, Marley Stewart. Regrets: Sarah Schnare, Diana Brebeck

**Agenda**:

1. **Previous/Ongoing Business**:
2. **Newsletter** (Christine): Christine will collect submissions for the Spring Newsletter, with help from Selina on formatting with the Sway template. Deadline for submission: Feb. 22, aim to publish in the first week of March. Suggestions for submissions: Topic 10 (things to do with a garden even if you don’t have one) list (Diana & Sarah); President’s Message (Christine); Salmon in the Classroom story (Lora, Niki & Amy); Risky Play (Christine will contact Megan Zeni); City Nature Challenge/Bioblitz (Kristy); Membership Drive info (Kristy); Farm-to-School Updates: Garden Mentor Resource and building the community of school gardens in SD36 (with the goal of creating a list of people who are interested is sharing and eventually developing a seed library) (Marley); Curricular Connections (Christine); Lending library (Amy); Mental health benefits, outdoor learning store webinars for the spring (Selina)
3. **Pro-D Workshops** (Selina): Continue working on developing 2-2.5 hour workshops which schools could choose either half day or full day presentations. Discussed hosting sessions for the May STA Day, in addition to an introductory What is SEED36 workshop. Christine will check in with Selina and forward workshop proposals to the STA. Christine/Diana will connect for elementary; Kristy/Selina for secondary workshop.
4. **SEED36 Lending Library** (Amy/Kristy): Sullivan Elementary will host, with Amy, Niki and Lora managing the borrowing of materials. Kristy will meet with Amy on the February Focus day at Sullivan to help set up an online database for signing out materials.
5. Goals for 2021/2022
* **Supporting teachers with outdoor learning**: support for Surrey Teachers who are looking to implement more outdoor/environmental learning; collaborating with district priority practice teachers, administrators and teachers; support with Farm to School grants; publishing seasonal newsletter
* **Resource lending library**: setting up and further developing the resource lending library
* **Supporting schools with the Garden Resource application/implementation**: ongoing; information on SEED36 teams; working on helping schools liaise with one another
* **Networking/Increase Membership**: Membership drive in the Spring to remind members to renew or new members to join; promoting SEED36 Teams group
* **Pro-D for this year**: developing Pro-D workshops for intermediate and secondary schools; SEED36 members have already hosted some primary focus workshops; continuing to present at the STA convention day; promoting C2C conferences and outdoor learning webinars
1. **New Business**:
2. Garden Gathering – can we get together in the Spring to tour and share stories of some of the gardens in Surrey? Discussed hosting outdoor meet ups at a secondary school (Fleetwood Park) and an elementary school (Sullivan Elementary). Perhaps host the AGM at one of the meetings? Can we make a map of sites in the district with school gardens? We’ll discuss next meeting.
3. Seed library. As we build connections between the gardens, this will be a future goal to get up and running through SEED36 for groups to share and trade seeds.
4. Funds to spend: We have around $600 that can be used to purchase some new resources for the lending library (maybe some of the new titles available through the Outdoor Learning Store?) Funds can also be used for release time.
5. Next Rooted Newsletter out beginning of May to coincide with the STA day.
6. **Reminder:** Members of Seed36 are encouraged to join or renew their $30 membership to EEPSA as our funding allotment is based on membership (Note: $20 comes back to our group). Pro-D funding can be used for PSA memberships. Membership numbers helps strengthen our ability to advocate. Links for membership to EEPSA:

<http://eepsa.org/membership/> <https://bctf.ca/psa/join.aspx>

<https://bctf.ca/uploadedFiles/Public/PSAs/~PSA-ApplicationForm.pdf>

**Next meeting**: Tuesday, April 5. 1; 3:15 (Teams)

Meeting adjourned: 4:00 pm.