

## Minutes for EEPISA executive meeting November 17, 2009

In Attendance: Selina, Kate, Mia, Jarrid, Alena, Brent, Bruce, Eriko, Vanessa, Johan

Guests: Bree Riddell, Charlene Morton, Bethony Lee, Sean Magee

Welcome and catching up

### 1) BCTF Business

- PSA Council training opportunities (SM) – a workshop is available, specifically for President, newsletter editor, website editors. Held on November 27-28, let Selina know if you are interested.

### 2) Updates and Discussion

#### a) Member outreach

- Ecolacy and publications (SM and LH) – pre-Christmas edition of Ecolacy is being prepared.
  - **ACTION**: Send any material you would like included to Lara or Selina by early December.
- Website (JS and JJ) – EEPISA website will be updated this week
- Web portal (PR) – Potential funding from BC Hydro is being explored in a partnership with Walking The Talk. More information will be available following the Nov 23 Walking The Talk meeting.  
Discussion on portal:
  - some discussion on if the ELE portal would hosted on a separate website (Walking The Talk website, or virtual schools society website at learnnowbc.ca).
  - the portal may generate more use use if it is interactive i.e. users can manipulate resources.
  - need to ensure the portal is optimized for google/bing searches.
- Membership (GL) – no updates

#### b) Recent Events

- PSA proliferation report (All)
  - Bruce is still waiting on follow-up from all EEPISA exec who attended PSA events (has heard from 6 or 7).

- **ACTION:** any execs who have not yet updated Bruce are asked to do so.
- **ACTION:** Let the EEPsA exec know if you made any important connections (attendees, speakers or PSA contacts) that could be used to co-host a conference in the future or participate in EECOM.
- EEPsA Display panels are great (thanks Mia!) but display may need more interactivity rather than just brochures on a table.
- Some discussion on connecting EEPsA to other PSAs especially: arts & literacy, PE to share resources (i.e. ELE workshop at their conference) or co-host a conference (i.e. PAGES with a green theme would have been a great opportunity).

### c) Guests

- ELE Blog en Francais (Bethony Lam)
  - Bethony has created two blogs as a way of incorporating the ELE into her teaching (grade 2 at Trafalgar Elementary) and as part of her masters at UBC.
  - <http://mmelamgreen.wordpress.com> was created to assess students' understanding of the elements of CARE. Students were asked to respond to questions posted on the blog.
  - <http://voixenviro.wordpress.com> was created in partnership with the Kitsilano Secondary grade 9 environmental ed class. The questions were more open-ended this time, answered initially by the grade 2 class, and then were responded to via the blog by the grade 9 class.
  - The inspiration behind these projects came from Bethony's attendance at an ELE workshop at McQueen Lake
  - Bethony would like to hear feedback, please e-mail her at [bethony99@yahoo.ca](mailto:bethony99@yahoo.ca)
- Check Your Head (Sean Magee)
  - Check Your head (<http://checkyourhead.org>) is a youth-driven organization that connects education on the environment and social justice
  - Sean is looking for ways to encourage youth to take action and is receptive to ideas such as: which approaches work? How can we work with youth?
  - Sean can be contacted at [sean@checkyourhead.org](mailto:sean@checkyourhead.org)
- UBC Summer institute (Charlene Morton)
  - UBC is interested once again in running a summer institute for environmental educators (credit course)
  - Charlene would like to know what other topic areas may be of interest e.g. spiritual, indigenous, consumerism to be linked to curriculum, and what length of course would be most appropriate (weekend vs week-long vs retreat)
  - Some discussion on whether this idea could expand on the ELE PD workshops

c) Upcoming Events

- Feb 5 2010 Pro-D EE event in Chilliwack (DB)
- EECOM 2010 (SM) –May 19-22 2010
  - **ACTION**: EEPsA exec are requested to each suggest one person (speaker or workshop presenter) who would be a good fit for EECOM, do research and find out the cost.
- AGM 2010 at Seymour (FC) - February
- EEPsA Executive Retreat 2010 (SM) – To be held in January.
  - **ACTION**: Any venue suggestions can be forwarded to Selina.

3. Financials update (NM)

- Financial update: \$3,249.79 in TD account, and \$3,240.88 in the BCTF account.

4. Next meeting: December celebration at The Afghan Horseman December 14 or 15

- CURA food sustainability initiative (BM)
- New Teacher's Conference: Workshop team?
- Strategies to manage our budget restrictions