

Minutes for April executive meeting
April 7th, 2009 5:30pm
Metro Vancouver head offices, 4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, 2nd floor Cafeteria

In attendance: Lara, Bruce, Johan, Genny, Ficus, Donna, Vanessa, Selina, Jarrid, Patrick, Robyn

1) **Welcome and catching up**

2) **Updates and Discussion**

a) **Member Outreach** (5 minutes each)

Ecolacy and publications (SM and LH)

- Lara brought laptop with latest Ecolacy; invited executive to review
- Ecolacy to be distributed next week; deadline Friday, April 10 for event information

Green Teacher

- Have 250; Going out soon
- Include notice regarding delay
 - Defer to membership working group (also talk about how to gain access to our members and contact information to better serve our members)

Website (JS and JJ)

- Sill developing; **Action:** Jarrid and Johan to review website list from AGM to create priorities
- Question: how do we get the content on the website now? Easy to do: Add links, post events,
- EEP SA Executive: send all web updates to Johan who will be the contact with our web designer.
- **Action:** Send photo and correct email address to Johan

Membership (GL)

- Chat during working group session regarding membership initiatives

Brochure (PR and MT)

- Graphic designer agreed to 'snaz' up the brochure within our budget; proof will be done next week; **Action:** Patrick to circulate proof for 1 round of edits.

Online communication (VL)

- Vanessa has created an EEP SA group on Facebook
- Be mindful when posting pictures on Picasso; photos become a public domain

LSA initiatives (SM)

- Kootenays – Executive will pay registration fee for 1 member for conference if create EEP SA LSA
- Kelowna - \$500 grant sent; ready to go
- Kamloops – have not heard from; **Action:** Selina to contact to find out update

- Sunshine Coast Sea to Sky event – Possible opportunity to promote LSA or join EEPSA; recognize that including EEPSA in the event would need to provide benefits for both groups; lots of options to achieve this; maybe for 2010 **Action:** Johan to email event information

b) Recent Events

EECOM Leadership Clinic report and Massive Action Plan (SM)

- Attended 4-5 different sessions; goal to create a detailed action plan; action plan was developed under 3 foci: communication, Pro-D and organizational capacity
- Selina presented action plan for approval by executive
- EECOM 2010 possibly in Vancouver; opportunity for EEPSA to be presenting partner
- Discussed some of the goals including:
 - Pilot teacher leadership clinic
 - in one district; if successful implement in others; move to fall plan; possible opportunity in Chilliwack; Donna is in touch with Chilliwack school district;
 - **Action:** after Donna's May meeting, revisit plan
 - What can EEPSA offer for sustainability teacher leadership clinic? Future document to be created.
 - SFU/NVOS/EEPSA/MoEd: Summer Institute for teachers Pilot – 'Learning Like a River'
 - July 6 – 10; 5 day summer institute; course credits available; target 28 teachers
 - Draft overview created; **Action:** Patrick to forward initial promo
 - EEPSA executive supports!
- Visit: Sierra Club Sustainable High schools for 1 example of a sustainability model
- **Action:** Jarrid to send EECOM weblink to executive members

Get Outdoors: EEPSA's role in the next steps (BF and PR)

- Get Outdoors guide has links to ELE; EEPSA members are invited to attend as a participant; possible future opportunity to be a presenting partner
- Dates are not set yet; First workshop is with SFU class on May 21

Grouse workshop good model for interpreters and community educators (FC)

- Main education team attended; 4 staff and 6 volunteers
- Great model for interpreters or educators; template is available to use for program delivery
- **Action:** Selina to send out model

c) Upcoming Events

Monthly events (VL)

- Send to Johan to add to website
- Send to Lara for Ecolacy

The Great Escape to Nature Teacher Retreat (TS, VL and BF)

- June 6 at Deas Island; including option to spend the night
- Day: no maximum; Overnight: Maximum 40
- **Action:** Bruce & Vanessa to create draft program; then send to executive

- **Motion Accepted:** \$20 includes BBQ dinner

Green Games (KH)

- No official announcement until Earth Day

Walking the Talk Summit: How Sustainability Education? (PR and BF)

- April 27; \$50 Opportunity for self identified champions of environmental education to come together to discuss the advancement of sustainability within the region

SFU/NVOS/EEPSA Summer Institute (PR)

- See above

Voices for Sustainability (BF)

- 'Voices for Sustainability' education leaders symposium at Sea to Sky Outdoor School on Keats Island, May 30 -31

Spring into Science (PR)

- Science PSA's mini Catalyst event; at BCIT
- Centers around new grade 10 science curriculum
- Bruce and Patrick will be presenting ELE with Ministry of Education
- Johan and Jarrid presenting Climate Change session

c) **Financials update (NM)**

- TBA

d) **Curriculum Development**

ELE Project Update / Web Portal (PR)

- Hydro funding proposal was drafted; reviewed by EECOM EEPSA team; should be sent out this week
- **Action:** Patrick to send out draft proposal to Executive

e) **Working groups / Subcommittees**

Membership

Communication

Events

f) Next meeting May 11

