

Environmental Educator's Provincial Specialist Association Executive Meeting
May 4th 2009 5:30pm

Present: Selina Metcalfe, Carlos Ormond, Donna Boucher, Azy Behnam, David Zandvliet, Jarrid Jenkins, Amanda Gee, Alena Prchalova, Genny Lau, Bruce Ford, Brent Mansfield, Vanessa Lee, Kate Henderson.

Minutes recorded by: Kate Henderson

1. Welcome, introductions
2. Updates:
 - a. Ecolacy – SM
 - i. Ecolacy was sent out on
 - ii. Lara is currently updating dead links
 - iii. Next issue will be sent out in June
 1. **ACTION**: Any executive who has links/summer events of interest should send this information to Lara
 - b. Website – JJ
 - i. Website re-design is a current project
 1. Fresh content, links (including what is important to keep)
 2. Development of resources/links
 - a. Jarrid would like to add old editions of Ecolacy
 - i. **ACTION**: Selina to send Ecolacy to Jarrid
 - b. LSA formation information page (how to start an LSA)
 - c. Still many questions on what kind of resources are important to provide
 - d. Funding for web resource portal is still up in the air
 - e. **ACTION**: Any EEPsA event-related photos should be added to picasa – upload information:
E: eeepsayah@gmail.com
P: yaaahhhh
 - i. Or e-mail photos to JJ/JS
 3. Navigation
 - a. Adding a calendar of events – that EEPsA partners could add their information to
 4. Need to identify what we offer teachers – and design the site so that this information is easy for them to find.
 - c. EECOM 2010 – DZ
 - i. EEPsA will be hosting the next EECOM conference in May 2010 in partnership with SFU and Metro Vancouver (potential for other partners as well).
 - ii. Theme: Environment, Sustainability, Diversity
 - d. Membership – GL

- i. Genny is missing the membership information for people who registered at the Fall conference (they get 2 year membership)
 - 1. **ACTION**: BF to send registration information to GL
 - 2. **ACTION**: JJ to follow-up on fall conference survey info with Science World
- ii. New Green Teacher magazines have arrived. In 2008 only 1 issue of Green Teacher was sent to EEPsA members.
 - 1. Motion: to spend \$750 to send Green Teacher to 2008 members, regardless of if they are current members (motion by CO, seconded by BF)
- iii. New members database needed so that EEPsA membership information is not lost in transit between GL and BCTF.
 - 1. **ACTION**: CO and AG to help GL with creation of new database
- e. Online Communication - VL
 - i. Vanessa has created a Facebook group and all EEPsA exec members who are on Facebook are encouraged to join (it will not be effective unless it has participants).
- f. Brochure
 - i. Latest version of the brochure was passed around and written comments were provided.
 - ii. Amanda offered up her services as an amateur graphic designer
 - 1. **ACTION**: AG to connect with PR on brochure/logo design.

3. Recent Events

- a. Walking The Talk 'How Sustainability Education?' Solutions Summit – SM/DZ
 - i. A regional centre for Expertise on Environmental Education was created
 - ii. Ryan Barfoot (Powell River School District) expressed interest in forming a Powell River LSA and becoming involved with the EEPsA exec.
- b. BC Green Games – KH
 - i. Celebration of Metro Vancouver winners was held at Science World on Earth Day (11 Metro Vancouver winning schools attended, 120 students, parents, administrators total).
 - ii. Still waiting on post-election results for year 2 confirmation.

4. Future Events

- a. 5WEEC – BF
 - i. Snapshots of Environmental Success across Canada – BC snapshots to include the ELE and BC Green Games. These will be created as a display that will be also shown at NAAEE in Portland in the Fall.
 - ii. DZ and BF will be presenting on the ELE.
- b. Dease Island Camping June 6th/7th - VL and BF

- i. Will include hiking to bat colony, canoeing, and camping for EEPsA Exec members.
 - ii. Will be advertised on website, sent to Exec
 - 1. Motion: Charge will be \$20 unless they are buying a membership, in which case they get to do the Dease Island day for free (Motion by BF, seconded by SM)
- c. Youth 4 Action – BF
 - i. A year-end culminating event for 3 youth sustainability leaders and 1 adult champion from each Metro Van school district, a clinic for these leaders to share successes and ideas from this year and plan for next school year.
 - ii. May 29th at TELUS World of Science – hosted by Metro Vancouver, Science World, Climate Action Facilitators, EEPsA
- d. Pro D workshops
 - i. DB indicated Chilliwack SD is showing interest in supporting teachers in environmental education – may suggest organizing a Pro D ELE workshop
 - ii. The idea for creating a certificate to present to teachers who have participated in ELE training was discussed
 - 1. **ACTION**: AG will create a certificate

5. Meeting ended 8:00pm