

EEPSA EXEC MTG Minutes – Sept. 10, 2007

5:30 pm Havana Restaurant, 1212 Commercial Dr., Vancouver

Drinks and Catching Up- Present: Patrick-teaching Gr. 6/7 West Van., Diane Ehling-teaching Gr. 5/vp in North Van., Genny- teaching Gr. 5 Vancouver, David- SFU university liaison, Bruce- Metro Vancouver, Education team, Selina- Highschool English, Surrey, Robin- Gr. ¾ Langley, Donna- Gr. 7 Chilliwack, Nichole- LEPS, regrets- Johan, Jarid. Welcome to Brenda Bell- colleague of Selina's, teaching highschool History, Film, French in Surrey.

I) CURRENT BUSINESS (30 mins)

1) EEPSA Program 07-08; PCG Scene

2) Outreach

- Website update (JS) webmaster Mike has gone awol. Johan trying to get his whereabouts in this next week.
- Listserv (SL)- no update at this time
- Ecolacy (SM)- as soon as we have conference schedule, Selina will send out Ecolacy on web, update all on summer activities, speak to ELE document update.

3) Membership update and Mail-out scene (GL) – next meeting, October 1st at Diane's will do a mailout with Green Teacher magazine that Diane has. Over summer a steady number of memberships have come in to Genny.

4) Finances (NM) – doing well. Nichole has provided update at meeting that Patrick handed out to executive.

5) Advocacy and Curriculum

- ELE Update and Next Steps (DZ, PR and All)- likely to be broadcasted in next 2 weeks. David has seen latest copy and has been enhanced from draft we last saw, with graphics enhanced and looking professional. Ministry is asking SFU (David) to organize workshops for the teachers across province. Liza Ireland interested in assisting in Kootenays if payment can be included, not volunteer work. Diane able to assist with help of North Van. District Science Leadership Team, with superintendent's support for time. Bruce suggested we might use GVRD sites to run workshops ie Deas Island, Capilano, etc. Patrick mentioned that a working committee met on Aug. 22nd to launch curricular connections to the document.

II) EVENT PLANNING (60 mins)

- 1) Aug 28 Session Update (BF and All)- A successful day where 1 representative from each group presenting on Oct. 19th showed up for orientation. After introductions, we broke out into carousel to look at

CARE in ELE document and how each org. approaches this personally, then we went outside for a tour of the site. One issue that arose was the need for a 1-pager for presenters to highlight goals and outcomes for both sessions. This still needs to be sent out to presenters. **Diane, David and Bruce will try to meet Tues. Sept. 18th to attend to this.**

2) Fall 07 Conference Planning (All)

- a) Update from Partner Planning Meetings (BF and DE)-need to have meeting with partners late Sept/early Oct. to bring all up to speed (once registration begins)
- b) EEP SA Program Planning
 - i. Schedule- Bruce has staff on this for registration, want to include a speaker's corner on outside covered patio and one of David's grad students can help with this, since Shaw is coming with 3 cameramen. Idea is that 1 can be set up to capture reflections from participants/presenters/EEPSA exec. on significance of environmental education. **Still need to pitch this idea to Shaw (Bruce?).**
 - ii. Sessions and Presenters- Milton McClaren is now being asked to introduce Robert Bateman, so David will introduce Milt and ELE. 1 EEP SA member is being asked to introduce presenter, and thank at end with presentation of Richard Louv book and EEP SA membership for the organization. **Nichole will purchase books hopefully at discounted price.** On walls we will need to post numbers 1-10 so participants can go to number and meet presenter in the main room before breaking out to sessions.
 - iii. Spaces and Venue Considerations- needed to book 2 classrooms at Aquarium; charged us \$700.00 for 2 rooms. Now having 200 participants with 25 from the 3 main districts, North Van., Vancouver, and Surrey, 5 participants from the other districts, leaving 75 spots (20 will go to students at reduced rate of \$90.00 that university liaison knows of and can pass along, but will not be advertised). We also have 40 high school students coming from around the lower mainland to assist with cd viewing (GVRD parks arranging this).
 - iv. Catering, Post-Conference Social et al.- for \$26.00/person, Stanley Park Pavilion is providing tuna/ham/veg. baguette, soup at lunch, coffee/tea/muffins in the morning. **Selina will purchase cookies for dessert and check that drinks are offered at lunch as well.** The pavilion does not allow outside food to be served or brought in, so we are limited with what we have.

Carver room at the Rowing club is booked, but is the smaller of the two rooms. Cost is \$500.00/day and barman included, assuming we will spend minimally \$300.00. Suggestion by Bruce is to pay up front, give each presenter and exec. a free drink coupon and keep post-conference social small (max. 75)

v. Budget, financials- set price is \$120.00/teacher, which includes membership and food. **Still need to explore possible free field trip with GVRD staff- Bruce.**

vi. Master Script / Roles- **Patrick will forward to Bruce.** Diane and Nichole will “woman” the registration table with Donna assisting. Set-up on Thursday before Gala event will be attended by Patrick, Bruce, Diane, and anyone else that can attend.

c) Registration, Promotions and Publicity- should be ready to go by Sept. 22nd. Each of 3 districts is looking after 25 selected individuals, EEPSA members will learn about it by Ecology and GT/registration poster mailout early October. We have 41 registrants to date.

d) Other Aspects- CD roms may not be free for participants. If not, we will take off list of promotional items. Robert Bateman people want us to purchase them, but we will forego that, and have them send out to participants they wish to send to.

e) Next Steps

3) EEPSA AGM Plan- stand alone meeting at a winter retreat, yet to be planned.

III) Other Business

IV) Next Meeting- Monday, October 1st, 5:30 pm Diane’s place- 831 Premier St., North Vancouver, 604-904-1380 over Second Narrows Bridge, behind Holiday Inn.