

BCTLA Executive Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 21, 2011

Burnaby Mountain Secondary, Burnaby, B.C.

Meeting called to order at: 3:43 pm

Present:

Arlene Anderson
Patricia Baisi
Heather Daly
Moiria Ekdahl
Haliah Hirniak
Suzanne Hall
Amanda Hufton
Chris Evans
Bonnie McComb
Gordon Powell
Kam Purewal
Lynn Turner
Jeff Yasinchuk

Regrets:

Val Hamilton

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: That agenda be accepted as printed.

Moved: Ekdahl/Hall

Carried.

Adoption of the Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Executive Meeting minutes from September 17, 2011 be adopted.

Moved: Hufton/Purewal

Carried.

Informational Items:

A. Updates

1) Learning Commons

- a) Completed the video and plan to show it to Chapter Councilors at Fall Meeting.

2) Chapter News

- a) Prince George advises re: low membership that probably the biggest issue is the number of teacher-librarians in small library FTE positions.
- b) SD 59 may no longer have a BCTLA Chapter.
- c) SD 37 and SD 36 both launched Chapter websites to share information with members.
- d) SD 34 posted for a 1.0 District-based Teacher-Librarian.
- e) Discussion ensued as to how to maintain contact with the Districts that either have no

Teacher-Librarians or too few to form a Chapter.

- i) One idea was to create “Protectorates” perhaps by attaching them to nearby active Chapters.
 - ii) Any changes such as this would require a change to the BCTLA Constitution.
 - iii) Further discussion to be held at the next Executive meeting.
- f) Burnaby has about 319 registered participants.

3) Word on the Street

- a) Wind storm destroyed displays on the other side of the building.
- b) Had lots of support from the people passing by!
- c) Thank you to Evans and Hirniak.

4) Vertical Banner

- a) Cost came to only \$177.00.
- b) Discussion on possibly purchasing a second banner in the future.

5) BCTF News

- a) Discussion was held regarding the purchase of materials and supplies.
- b) Work on the issue of possible contracting out of Teacher-Librarian positions continue.
- c) There will not be a celebration at the November PSAC meeting of the 40th anniversary of the PSA Council.

6) NSLD/DEAR

- a) George Abbott will be reading with the students at James Bay Elementary
- b) Carol James will also be reading with students that day.
- c) Yasinchuk requesting any photos or stories about what happened in schools.
 - i) One school reported dressing up as their favourite characters.
 - ii) One school producing a music video.
- d) Yasinchuk appearing on CBC Daybreak in the BC interior.
- e) Press releases sent to the Vancouver Sun and Province Newspapers

B. Items

1) Financial Issues

- a) Budget presented
 - i) Austerity measures are working and our deficit is lower than predicted.
 - ii) Anticipate a greater return on the conference this year.
 - iii) Budget to be approved by the Councilors at the Fall Meeting.
- b) Award Winners Conference Registration
 - i) Suggested that the BCTLA reimburse the award winners for their registration fees.
- c) Honouring Sheila Tripp & Charles Locke
 - i) Decided to send a card to the family of Charles Locke expressing condolences

Motion: That a card be sent and \$100.00 be donated in memory of Sheila Tripp, wife of Ken Haycock.

Moved by: Daly/Turner

Carried.

2) *The Bookmark*

- a) Investigating a new platform for publishing *The Bookmark* and any suggestions are welcome.
- b) Book reviews of pre-release books need to be published in a timelier manner.

Motion: That we establish a separate platform/site for our book reviews.

Moved by: Anderson/Hall
Carried.

3) Advocacy

- a) Discussion of the Hartzell Article
 - i) Need to articulate to our colleagues what we do.
 - ii) Where we should target our advocacy.
- b) Snapshot Day
 - i) Suggestion that we choose a day and ask everyone to take a picture of what is happening in their library on that date.
 - ii) Perhaps use the photos to create a photo collage.
 - iii) Yasinchuk to pursue this possibly for April.

4) AGM Recommendations

- A) If you have any other recommendations, please get them to Daly as soon as possible. Be sure to include your rationale.

5) Fall Council Meeting

- a) Discussion of agenda and items for discussion at that meeting.

6) Professional Development

- a) Discussions underway to offer three sessions after school for all members through Elluminate.
 - i) Cost would be probably \$25.00 for 3 sessions.
 - ii) Cost to us would be approximately \$200.00.
 - iii) Discussion on topics to be offered.
 - 1. Suggestions: Copyright Law changes.
- b) Anderson to proceed with organization.

Adjournment

- 1) Next meeting: January 21, 2012, BCTF Building, Vancouver, B.C.

Motion: That the October 21, 2011 Executive Meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Turner/Purewal
Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Patricia Baisi, Secretary for the BCTLA