

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 6th, 2024

NISS, Port McNeill, 4:30 pm

- Minutes -

Jason Voth	VINTA
Sarah Soltau	FRES
Evania Nolan	Sea View
Melanie Demoe	PHSS
Eliza Haugrud	PHSS
Serena Lansdowne	AJE
Barb Cave	EVES
Nimfa Casson	NISS

1. Call to Order. Sarah Soltau 4:39 pm
2. Review/adoption of agenda dated March 6th, 2024

Moved – Voth/Casson

That the agenda dated March 6th, 2024 be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. Review/adoption of minutes dated February 7th, 2024

Moved – Casson/Demoe

That the minutes dated February 7th, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Business:

a) PD Forms

Using the same form for all the different PD activities is not working. We need 3 different forms for PD activities to keep things clearer. We will be working on creating these new forms to include all the required information.

b) May Day

Tentative workshop ideas were sent out for you to review. We have 8 fully day sessions 7 of which will be out at various sites. 1 will be at PHSS and we have 3 ½ day workshops in classrooms. U'mista cultural center cost is 150\$ an hour they will be showing the collection and giving a tour. Be the change is \$1000 coming from Victoria. Nimfa is doing a blanket exercise

where elders are required and will an honorarium and their expenses. Need a colonizer for the presentation and artifacts. Not having a lunch provided or a keynote. We need an idea for the first hour of the day for those that will be at PHSS. Scavenger hunt, Story of the totem pole, A forest bath, resource sharing, round table discussion.

c) Joint PD Meeting Summary

Meeting again at the end of May. Can only have a limited amount of VINTA Reps attend to keep the votes balanced. Planning for May Day will be April 15th at 3:00pm. Eliza would like to attend and Jason will provide an LOA. The PD form, school-based allotment increases were discussed. January day is very difficult to plan being Christmas time. Gaps in professional development opportunities. Consultation with local nations take a lot of time to ensure the indigenous aspect is covered correctly. Reporting order still a huge issue and the new literacy needs more support and continuing the program to the upper grades.

d) Calendar dates for the 2024/2025 year

Talking about the new PD dates in the new calendar year. Would like to see different dates than the rest of the island so that people can attend different ones or get different presenters that are not already booked for that day. Let Sarah know if you have any new dates that you would think would work well for a PD.

e) Collaboration Grants for the 2024/2025 year

Need a new form. All 3 collaboration grants have been claimed. No release able to be had for mentorship. Group mentorship doesn't fit the current mentorship set up. What protocols or policy is in place. Need a clear direction. Would like to keep the mentorship flexible and not have stated rules or direction. Group of teachers did the You Fly Program, try to build the literacy program at those grades to further support the children. Moving Mentorship grants into collaboration funds. Collaboration on one topic/project. Would like to increase the number of collaboration grants.

Motion: Casson/Voth

Increase the number of collaboration grants for the 2024/2025 school year for discussion in May.

Carried

f) Themes for the 2024/2025

Local aspect, didn't bring many in, used local knowledge, all kinds of different knowledge, encourage new teachers to share their knowledge to let them know we want to learn more about them and their abilities. Mental health, STEAM Day, Living library with live people going around and learning about them at their stations around the library.

g) Afterschool Sessions

Never ended up having the sessions in February due to the teachers saying they are overwhelmed already. The other sessions went okay and people

found them useful. Teachers do not feel they have time to spare to watch the videos. PSA offerings on the VINTA site might be something to consider.

h) College of Teachers Vote

You might want to vote you will need your teacher certificate number to sign in. There are 2 members you are voting for. Carol Arnold and Scott Benwell are the candidates.

MOTION: Demoe/Casson

That the professional development committee move into committee.

Carried

The professional development committee discussed the candidates.

5. Correspondence:

6. Reports:

a) Financial:

i) Current Financial Report vs Budget.....**6-8**

Got our second allotment. Found some issues that need to be addressed on the financial report, things on the wrong financial lines.

Moved - Demoe/Voth

That the current financial report be accepted as adjusted.

Carried

7. Other Business: School Reports

MOTION: Demoe/Casson

That the professional development committee move into committee.

Carried

The professional development committee discussed school reports.

Reminder of the next meeting will be April 3rd at the VINTA office.

8. Adjournment 6:03 PM Jason Voth