

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025
Sunset, Port McNeill, 4:30 pm
- Minutes -

Shawn Gough	VINTA
Sarah Soltau	FRES
Maya Wold	NISS
Evania Nolan	Seaview
Serena Lansdowne	AJES - Zoom
Melanie Demoe	PHSS - Zoom
Tammy Bono	SES
Barb Cave	EVES

1. Call to Order. Sarah Soltau 4:38pm.
2. Review/adoption of agenda dated April 2nd, 2025.
add f) Facebook page

Moved – Wold/Bono

That the agenda dated April 2nd be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. Review/adoption of minutes dated March 5th, 2025.

Moved –Wold/Nolan

That the minutes dated March 5th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business:

a) May District Day

Marc Garneau will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Ben Ashby will be doing a session on infections math for free with grants he has available. Darcy House will be doing a math workshop. Emily Baker and her friend will be doing a math workshop together, will need to pay travel/accommodation costs. AJ staff will be doing a primary and intermediate workshop. Greg Curtis will be doing Teaching and Assessing for Transfer, and Addressing Core Competencies with Tools and Strategies. Joel Dyck will be doing a workshop on measuring to cut and build sawhorses. Kristin Dahmer will be doing a structured literacy workshop. Eliza's Friend will be doing an indigenous

themed workshop, she is charging \$2000 + travel/accommodations. Melanie Lytle behaviour consultant will be doing a workshop based a local student more tailored towards EA's. Amy Hogg behaviour consultant will do a workshop on 1 on 1's of behaviour via Zoom. Jen Moroz will be doing a workshop on Building Learning Progression for BC Mathematics 4-8 on zoom, with a cost of \$300. Courtney Cox will be doing a workshop on mindfulness. Melanie Demoe's travel club will be preparing the food for the day, with VINTA providing the coffee and fruit. Timelines for registrations. The booklet should be completed by April 14, the deadline for registration will be April 24th. The Keynote will be in the multi-purpose room. If you have a staff meeting before the district day, put yourself on the agenda so you can remind members to register. The morning Workshops will be from 10:30am -Noon, afternoon session will be from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

- b) SURT – Regie Plana-Alcuaz on April 26th
Checking who is able to attend otherwise we can cancel the SURT. The SURT will be on Role and function and the autonomous professional. Can be at the VINTA office, will send out invites so that all members can attend. These trainings occur on a Saturday and you will receive a day in leu for your time, as it will be covered under union business. Lunch will be provided.
- c) Personal PD allocation
The EC committee accepted the proposal to change the personal PD allotment to \$800 from the current \$600 and take away 1 of the 2 TTOC days. It can be changed back if it uses up too much funds. Do we want to change the policy around the District Directed funds? Currently the handbook states: “e) funding of individual Professional Development activities in circumstances where the expenses of the workshop exceed \$800.” The handbook was provided to each PD member at the beginning of the year and can be viewed at any time by any member on the VINTA webpage. Do we want to change the amount to \$1000 in the DD language now that the personal allotment had been changed to \$800?

Motion: Soltau/Gough

To change the language in the Professional handbook to state, e) funding of individual Professional Development activities in circumstances where the expenses of the workshop exceed \$1000.

Carried

- d) Joint PD Meeting
In the policy there are to be 3 Joint PD meetings each year but due to scheduling, we are only able to have 2 meetings this year. 3 reps and 3 admin attend these meetings. These meetings are usually just information sharing, but can be used for giving ideas and offering resources. Are there any issues that you would like mentioned at the meeting? – no one had anything to add.

e) TTOC Grievance Update

The committee discussed the TTOC Grievance update.

f) Facebook page

We currently have a Facebook page with 29 members, sporadically updated, not good at keeping up with it at this time, would like more PD members to have access so they can post and update it with new materials. Shawn has offered to help out with this, just going to need to learn how to do it all. Need to look on other PSA Facebook pages for materials to add to it. At the AGM ask people to join the page to make it more popular, but need to keep it current and up to date.

5. Correspondence:

6. Reports:

a) Financial:

i) Current Financial Report vs Budget.....**5-7**

Have not spent any of the surplus, we have 12,541.16 remaining to work with for the rest of the year. That 43,715 comes out of the 73000. Spending way more than we actually get, one of the ways we could save a ton of money is not feeding people. School based if we don't feed people, you could use the money on a presenter to come to your school. When we do District days we use the school to make the food so that we are keeping the money in the schools. Zoom workshops are more popular these days and cost effective.

Moved – Wold/Demoe

That the current financial report be accepted as presented.

Carried

7. Other Business: Discussed Collaboration, Mentorship and UFLI.

8. Adjournment 5:59pm