

In Attendance via ZOOM: Melissa Baird, Rebecca Bayda, Sam Dunlop, Carol Lamb, Ernie Milward, Shari Morhart, Tamara Nunes, Amanda Palmer, Sylvia Slater, Jennifer Seminoff, Naomi Szabo and Marcus Toneatto

Meeting called to order: 3:01pm

1. Adopt the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Shari M.**

All in Favour/Carried

2. Review the minutes of June 16, 2020

Motion: To accept the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting.

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Jennifer S.**

All in Favour/Carried

3. Business arising from the minutes:

Update- Purchase of Hardware with Pro D money

-ability to buy hardware with professional development funds was approved at the last meeting

-purchases so far have included iPads, iPad accessories (such as apple pens) and items needed for online teaching (such as headphones) by teachers who instruct exclusively online

-Tamara will provide a count of the hardware purchases in the fall (to allow for any other purchases this school year to be included), to get a percentage of the total number of expense claims that were for hardware this year

February Zone Day

-100 teachers as well as some administrators and EAs from our district registered this year

-This day is being planned again for next year and Kelowna and Penticton will be participating, and possibly Vernon though there may be some conflict for them with hosting the BC Winter Games

-Do we want to participate in it again?

-This year SOSTU paid \$2370 (\$15/FTE), which is very reasonable for a full day of professional development

4. New Business

Unused Remedy Time

Motion: To change unused remedy time into money that is disbursed to individual professional development accounts

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Carol L.**

-after some discussion:

Move to amend: To change unused remedy time into money that is **deposited into District professional development account**

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Sylvia S.**

-Ernie spoke against this motion and suggested that a lump sum is deposited into the district account and the remainder gets dispersed to individual accounts

-after more discussion it was decided that the money from unused remedy will be put into the district professional development fund and then we will decide after we know all the information

Motion: To table the motion until the next meeting

Moved: **Ernie M.**

Seconded: **Jennifer S.**

All in Favour/Carried

Discussion/ Action:

Financials –Sylvia S.

-presented how professional development money is generated/funded

-presented accounts summary

District Indigenous Day -Marcus T.

-agreed to move it from February to this summer (**Wednesday, September 1**) because it did not make sense to hold it and bring in speakers if a lot of teachers were attending the Zone Day professional development activities

- 2 speakers have been booked: Dustin Louie and Kevin Lamoureux (highly recommended by those that have seen them)

-Shape of the day:

8:30 – 9:45: presentation by Dustin Louie (virtual)

9:45 – 10:00 Break

10:00 – 11:30 On the Land Activity (outdoor learning in areas at each school) with local experts

11:30 – 12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 2:30 Presentation by Kevin Lamoureux (virtual)

Motion: That the District Professional Development Committee adopt the outline for September 1, as described by Marcus

Moved: **Sylvia S.**

Seconded: **Tamara N.**

All in Favour/Carried

-Pro-D reps asked to survey staff for numbers planning to attend to help with the planning of the on-site outdoor learning activities

-Tamara will send an e-mail with information about the day and a reminder to survey staff

Information

-If anyone is planning any professional development activities that others may be able to participate in, send information to Tamara and she will share it out

-Pro D reps please remind staff to submit expense claims no later than May 31

-Pro D reps please check account balances before signing and submitting expense forms

-purchases from June 1,2021 to May 31, 2022 can be claimed in the 2021/22 school year

-Appendix 6 has been updated for the 2021/22 school year (see attachment to email regarding this meeting)

-there is now a box on Appendix 6 for providing information about any hardware that is being considered for purchase (talk about purchase if concerned)

5. Q & A

Q: Do other schools require teachers to hand in Appendix 6 with summer pro-d plans before the September 30 date listed on the form?

A: Cawston Elementary discusses and makes plans together as a staff, which works because of the small size of their staff. It is up to the school pro-d committee on how they want to proceed.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:56 pm

Moved: **Tamara N.**

Seconded: **Sylvia S.**

All in Favour/Carried

Next Meeting: September 30 at 3:00pm via Zoom