



## **COSSTA Annual General Meeting Agenda**

**Location:** Sammy J's Grill & Bar , 190-525 HWY 97, West Kelowna

**Date:** Monday January 15th, 2018

**Time:** 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Present:** Jillian Cornock, Ryan Holly, Deb Holmes, Jason Hudson, Derek Smith, Graeme Stacey

**Regrets:** Kyle Hamilton, Dayna Hart

### **Agenda:**

#### 1. President's report for 2016-17 (Graeme Stacey)

- Fintry Pro-D in the Summer.
- UBC Okanagan professors presented some workshops at the February 2017 Pro-D.
- Email listserv continues to operate.
- We successfully launched a website.
- Continued to offer Pro-D bursaries.
- Continued to liaison between the BCSSTA and the COSSTA.
- Perhaps we should consider offering more after school sessions, as opposed to organizing sessions for official professional development days.
- We should continue to encourage pro-d that is relevant to teachers.
- Some discussion around what does the future look like for the executive:
  - More individualized pro-d?
  - What could we do to encourage more participation?

#### 2. Treasurer's report for 2016-17 (Ryan Holly)

- The current balance is \$2,353.08.
- After some difficulty the COSSTA successfully moved financial institutions from CIBC to Interior Savings Credit Union.

#### 3. Summer & February Professional Development

- For the Summer COTA Pro-D the COSSTA organized the session *Combat Islamophobia with Knowledge*. The session was well attended and well received.

- Dr. Lindsay Gibson put on an after school session entitled *Teaching "Big Picture" Understanding of Canadian History Using Curricular Competencies* on October 17, 2017. There was a good turnout for this event.
- Two speakers are lined up to give Social Studies specific presentations at the upcoming February COTA Pro-D event: Dr. Lindsay Gibson and Wayne Axford.

#### 4. Pro-D Funding Requests

- Jeannette White (MBSS) for Battlefields Tour. Unanimous vote to award her a \$500.00 grant.
- Jason Hudson (MBSS) for Association for Asian Studies Conference. Unanimous vote to award him a \$500.00 grant. Jason Hudson abstained from the vote.
- Derek Smith (MBSS) for Association for Asian Studies Conference. Unanimous vote to award him a \$500.00 grant. Derek Smith abstained from the vote.

#### 5. Other

- Discussion around how the curriculum is being implemented in the different schools. KSS, MBSS, & GESS are implementing the new curriculum. It is unsure where OKM, & RSS are at in terms of implementing the new curriculum. KLO & CNB are implementing the new curriculum
- It appears that overall many teachers are working to implement the new curriculum in SD # 23, but there appears to be a bit of a lag in the Lower Mainland.
- Kevin Nickel has stepped down as Technology Coordinator for the COSSTA, but has offered to help out when needed. Thank you for your service Kevin.
- Discussion about what the new curriculum could mean for senior Social Studies courses. The next year or two should tell the tale.
- Discussion about accessing the grant from the BCSSTA.
- Discussion of having the COSSTA exec attend the upcoming Barkerville Conference.
- Discussion about asking recipients of pro-d bursaries to report back on their learning to the COSSTA executive committee.