



## **COSSTA General Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** The Train Station Pub, 1177 Ellis Street, Kelowna

**Date:** Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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

**Present:** Jillian Cornock; Dayna Hart; Ryan Holly; Deborah Holmes; Derek Smith; Graeme Stacey

**Regrets:** Kyle Hamilton; Richard Hohl; Jason Hudson; Kevin Nickel

### **Agenda:**

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

- August Pro-D *Field Trip to Fintry* was a success.
- February Pro-D was also a success. The COSSTA formed a partnership with UBCO for the February Pro-D Day, and had four professors present. After this event Graeme Stacey, Ryan Holly, and Tina Clarke went to an Urban Studies Conference put on by the UBCO History Department.
- Professional Development Support Grants
  - Graeme Stacey to attend the Powell Holocaust Institute and the USHMM Conference.
  - Tina Clarke to attend the NCGE Conference.
  - Carrie Devlin to attend the BCSSTA Whistler Conference.
- The COSSTA also paid the conference fees for executive members Kyle Hamilton and Deborah Holmes to attend the BCSSTA Fall Conference.

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

- Our current balance is \$292.82.
- There was discussion around high bank fees, and possibly moving banks. Dayna Hart mentioned that another LSA recently moved to a credit union. The COSSTA will consider moving banks to try to find lower fees; Ryan Holly and Derek Smith will look into this at the beginning of the summer.

### **3. Curriculum Update**

- Derek Smith: High schools are doing different things in terms of implementation. Latest update from the BCSSTA - There will be a SS 11 course that will essentially be equivalent to a communications course. This could be molded to meet the needs of international students too. Other than the proposed SS 11 course all other senior courses will be coded as 12, but both Grade 11 & 12 students can enroll in them.
- There was some discussion about how there are still many questions that remain unanswered.
- Jillian Cornock & Ryan Holly: CNB fully implementing new SS 9 curriculum. Deborah Holmes: KLO is also fully implementing the new SS 9 curriculum.
- There was discussion around what resources should be purchased for schools (ie. Textbooks, or other resources, or both).
- Deborah Holmes mentioned that it was her understanding that the new curriculum could allow for more freedom at the high school level for teachers to follow passion areas. There was discussion amongst the group that this still could be constrained by logistics.
- There was discussion that there was concern at the high school level that there could be fewer Senior Social Studies jobs in the future.

### **4. Plans for upcoming Professional Development**

- a) August 2017 – The COSSTA has organized the upcoming Pro-D event entitled *Combat Islamophobia with Knowledge*.
- b) February 2018 – Glen Thielmann and colleagues from the Pacific Coast Educational Consortium could be interested in presenting at the February 2018 Pro-D day.

### **5. Other**

- Talks of ideas for future offsite August Pro-D:
  - Mascot Mines.
  - Deborah Holmes talked about organizing a field trip to the local cemetery. There was talk about holding a Pro-D event including a local cemetery tour coupled with a walking tour of Downtown Kelowna. The COSSTA could potentially reach out to Kelowna Museums for such an event.
- Ryan Holly asked if there was a need to formalize the email voting process. The consensus among the group was no.