

A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter – Chapter Executive Meeting

Location TEAMS Call
Date October 23, 2023
Time 12:00pm
Minutes Kirstin Mahan Thompson

In Attendance:

Heather Morgan (President)	Tyler Ottenbreit (Director)	Kirstin Mahan Thompson (Secretary)	Daniel Reeves (Past President/Governor)
Greg Hasiuk (Manitoba Rep.)	Paul Blaser (Ad Hoc Director)	Landon Lucyk (Ad Hoc Director) <i>Newsletter Chair</i>	Ritesh Mistry (Ad Hoc Director)
Leif Friggstad (President Elect) <i>Scholarship Chair</i>	Derek Kindrachuk (Director)	Tyler Ottenbreit (Director)	

Regrets:

Amber Moar (Ad Hoc Director)	Donna Robinson (A4LE COO)	Kelly Nadler (Treasurer)	Rachel Maldonado (PNW Director)
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Minutes of Meeting:

1. **Call to Order at 12:00pm.**
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Greg, Seconded by Dan.
3. **Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Moved by Dan, Seconded by Derek.
4. **Newsletter Update:**
 - a. Will plan to issue one more newsletter by end of November.
 - b. Would like to include a brief writeup/quote from someone who attended LearningScapes in Chicago. Please send to Landon.
 - c. Newsletter should also include information on upcoming events, such as AGM, Online Seminars, and the 2024 Weyburn Conference.
 - d. Issue of our Newsletter getting lost in the A4LE emails was raised. Dan discussed potential of including a prefix – “SK” – at the start of our email blasts to help call attention to them. Rachel confirmed that this would need to be raised with the web provider.
5. **LearningScapes**
 - a. Good Canadian attendance.
 - b. Heather was able to network with a group from Halifax. They expressed interest in being more involved with the Prairies/Western Canadian Chapters vs. the Northeast Region in the US. Rachel will review this.

6. Fall Seminars

- a. As we have not been able to confirm registration of more than one attendee, we will look at pushing this into the new year.
- b. The three sessions from Nick Salmon want to be in succession so that content can be recalled from one to the other.
- c. Dan will coordinate with Nick Salmon for new dates in 2024.
- d. We discussed option of including one session in the conference to tease the next two, however, it could be tough to track registration for the following two.
- e. The demographics presentation only needs to be coordinate with the group that presents, it is not necessarily tied to the other three by Nick.

7. PNW Awards

- a. Kirstin to circulate Award criteria for submissions due by Mid-December.

8. New A4LE Policy and Procedures Manual

- a. Our revised bylaws and manual need to be submitted back to A4LE by December 31st, 2023.
- b. Heather, Kirstin, Kelly, and Lief will review on behalf of the Board. All other members should become familiar with them.

9. Board Membership for 2024

- a. Next meeting to confirm roles/responsibilities for 2024, including new President-Elect.
- b. Potential new board members – Leanne Croft or a representative from ISC.

10. New Business

- a. Paul Blaser will take on the roll for DEI (**D**iversity **E**quity and **I**nclusion) for Saskatchewan. He will spearhead a session for the Conference in January.
- b. Heather provided an update on the call with Sask Builds Minister and team. It was a good first step in opening dialogue and continued collaboration. Derek has offered to look at next steps for maintaining this relationship. A follow-up face to face meeting or a session in early December with the AGM were potential opportunities.

11. 2023 AGM

- a. Targeting the first week of December. Possibly 1:30-3:30pm
- b. Could pair with an introduction from Sask Builds/Ministry of Education (Presentation at the 2024 Conference could be the follow-up.
- c. Potential to have Demographic Seminar

12. 2024 Chapter Conference – January 24-26, 2024

- a. Priority is to get invitations out the Tradeshow groups. (This needs to be on their radar).
- b. Advertising can happen as soon as we have a theme. Options were discussed that centered around “Community”.
 - i. “Learning Community/Community Learning”
 - ii. “Community Reimagined” – Borrowed from Number 10’s submission for MacConnell Award Submission for Legacy Park Elementary School.
- c. Greg has had discussions with the City of Weyburn and they are very interested in hosting this conference.

- d. There seems to be less interest from Southeast Cornerstone School Board in hosting. They may be able to provide similar “feet on the ground” - scope out restaurants/venues, printing, registration table.
- e. There is limited bus transportation available, but the idea of a shuttle van that goes back and forth has been suggested. In general, this conference has been successful with attendees also driving their own vehicles in small groups.
- f. Currently, the Prince Albert schedule will be used as a template. Kirstin will update and circulate as a starting point.
- g. Tyler offered another school in Regina Public that could be toured; however, it was agreed that we will save this for a Regina based conference in the next couple of years.

13. **Next Meeting:** November 27, 2023 @12pm-1pm (Kirstin will send TEAMS invitation).