

Public Libraries Interest Group (PLIG) Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017, 7pm,

West Vancouver Memorial Library

Attending: Heidi Schiller, Meghan Savage, Kaya Fraser, Kate Shuttleworth, Reba Ouimet, Sarah Felkar, Christie Menzo, Jill Bassett, Sara Ellis, Alexandra Farolan, Marisa Tutt

Regrets: Deb Thomas, Vicky Woo, Jillian G-Smith

Meeting started at 7:03 p.m.

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Approval of agenda

Moved by Meghan

Approved

3. Approval of April 2017 meeting minutes

Moved by Reba

Approved

4. Website updating (Officers, notes and agendas, strategic plan, etc.)

Heidi brought up that the website needs to be updated and asked Kate to contact the BCLA office to get the permissions. Need current officers, strategic plan documents, and to load and link minutes.

Action: Kate will update website

5. Review of strategic planning process to date

APPROVED:

Vision: A connected, inclusive, and informed public library community.

Mission: Providing connection, information, and advocacy for BC's public library community.

Values: The BCLA Public Libraries Interest Group holds the same core values of BCLA:

- i. Access and Inclusion
- ii. Intellectual Freedom
- iii. Innovation and Creativity
- iv. Diversity
- v. Literacy and Lifelong Learning
- vi. Accountability

Goals:

1. Engage the public library community
 - Be a platform for discussing and sharing issues, ideas and inspiration concerning public libraries
 - Provide opportunities for community and relationship building
2. Provide opportunities for professional development

3. Increase group capacity

- Grow active participation in events and meetings
- Ensure inclusion across the province and across all public library staff positions

Next Steps:

This meeting: Approve initiatives and create committees

6. Initiative idea – Journal Article Club – Christie Menzo

- Christie Menzo proposed an engagement initiative.
- Once every other month, participants would meet to discuss articles, topics, book chapters, and more. Topics chosen at the beginning of the year, and readings chosen a month beforehand.
- Hosted in an informal settings, with food and beverages. Held in addition to PLIG meetings. PLIG sponsors, but they would be open to all community members.
- People would RSVP for each session.
- Share reflections out to group.

Fits under Goals 1, 2 and 3

Action: fit into a working group and proceed

Approved

7. Discussion and approval of Initiatives

Goal 1: Engage the public library community

- Be a platform for discussing and sharing issues, ideas and inspiration concerning public libraries
 1. Social media engagement and plan, including Twitter, Facebook, Wordpress/blog, wikis, digital suggestion box
 2. Host forums and/or events in which to discuss Public Library related issues, i.e. a Journal Club, “Creative Mornings-style meetups, and/or panels on hot topics.
- Provide opportunities for community and relationship building
 - a. Social events with refreshments, including food, beer and wine, and non-beer and wine

Goal 2: Provide opportunities for professional development

1. Opportunities for Career Exploration, such as resume support, speed networking, “Day in the life articles” panels, mock interviews, develop a better understanding of what people do in all sorts of library positions
2. BC Library Conference related activities
3. Information dissemination, including sharing PD opportunities via listserv and social media
4. Skill building, i.e. technology meetups, guest talks, skills workshops, program jams, webinars, and develop digital badges for Public Library skill sets

Goal 3: Increase group capacity

- Grow active participation in events and meetings
 1. Roundtable at meetings to share information and news related to public libraries
 2. Recruitment plan, including posting signs in staff rooms, cross-posting meetings through school and other listservs, personal recruitment, and recruitment for outside the lower mainland (eg. regional reps)

- Ensure inclusion across the province and across all public library staff positions
 1. Create partnerships and liaisons with other BCLA Interest Groups and other groups outside the lower mainland.
 2. Research inclusion preferences of the public library community
 3. Research consistent conference calling services for meetings

8. Working Group formation and next steps:

A method for implementing initiatives for 3 year plan would be to implement working groups.

1. Community Engagement Working Group (Goal 1)
 - a. Expressions: Meghan, Kate, Christie, Marisa, Alexandra
2. Professional Development Working Group (Goal 2)
 - a. Expressions: Meghan, Christie, Marisa, Alexandra, Sarah F
3. Membership Working Group(Goal 3)
 - a. Expressions: Kaya, Jill, Marisa, Alexandra
4. Governance sub-committee (ensuring we operate correctly, efficiently and effectively; reporting; etc.)
 - Working Groups - will have leaders, referred to as Coordinator
 - For next meeting: ask list-serv for expressions of interest for participation for working groups. Consider what initiatives are of most interest.

9. Next Meeting: June 8, 2017; 7pm; location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.