

BC Electronic Library Network

STEERING COMMITTEE

Minutes: July 7, 2006

In Attendance:

Tim Atkinson	Lila Heilbrunn
Susan Brown (AVED)	Inba Kehoe (BCLA)
Anita Cocchia	Ewa Kniec (recorder)
Gordon Coleman	Nancy Levesque
Lynn Copeland	Heather Morrison
Carole Compton-Smith (for David Pepper)	Todd Mundle (chair)
Bob Foley	Rob Sutherland (for Patti Barnes)
Randall Gerlach (AVED)	Marnie Swanson

Regrets: Patti Barnes, Jim Looney, David Pepper

Opening Remarks:

T. Mundle welcomed the group and asked Steering Committee members to introduce themselves. Two new members of the Steering Committee were introduced, Susan Brown, Director, Policy and System Quality Branch, and Inba Kehoe, BCLA President.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as tabled.

2. Items for information

2.1 AVED Restructuring

S. Brown, Director, Policy and System Quality, presented an update on the recent restructuring of the Ministry. As of June 1, 2006 there are four branches: Universities and Institutes, Colleges and University Colleges, Policy and System Quality (DQAB, Private Institutions, and an overall policy coordination role), and Funding and Analysis. BC ELN now reports to the Policy and System Quality branch.

R. Gerlach added that with the changes the government wants to facilitate collaboration between the different sectors.

Discussion

There was a question if the Ministry is planning to create functional teams. S. Brown responded that the Ministry is in its early stages of the transformation and

it is too soon to know the definite structure of the teams. Currently, the Ministry is setting up a regional team model starting with the “northern team” pilot which includes Ministry staff from across the divisions.

The committee members thanked the Ministry for its continuing support of BC ELN.

2.2 e-HLbc Update

N. Levesque presented an update on e-HLbc governance. N. Levesque thanked A. Cocchia for her commitment to the project. A steering committee has been set up that includes representatives from the post-secondary sector, health authorities, and BC Academic Health Council (BCAHC). A management committee will work to restructure the subcommittees, and review the business plan for year 2 and 3. Currently, the main priority is the service contract with BC ELN.

2.3 Virtual Reference Update

A. Cocchia presented an update on the post-secondary Virtual Reference initiative. BC ELN has received \$130,000 in one-time funding from the Ministry. BC ELN partner libraries are committed to provide staffing for the service. Out of the 27 eligible partner libraries, all 27 will be joining the service! 21 partner libraries will provide staffing beginning September, and the remaining 6 institutions will join the service in January 2007. With additional financial support from BCcampus, BC ELN will hire a part-time coordinator for the initiative.

Discussion

The committee members commented on the commitment of partner libraries to offer Virtual Reference service. There are benefits for all libraries; for those already offering virtual reference service, the service will expand the current service hours.

2.4 Progress Report, October 2005 – March 2006

H. Morrison reported on the Ariel upgrade. The software and scanners have been ordered for BC ELN partner libraries. The scanner is a replacement for Fujitsu 15C purchased in 2001. Okanagan College kindly volunteered to test the scanner.

H. Morrison added that BC ELN’s 2005/06 Year in Review will be released in mid-July.

A. Cocchia reported that access to ministry-funded Hospitality and Tourism full-text journals was available June 1. A press release highlighting benefit to the province was issued and can be found at <http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1347>

A. Cocchia introduced G. Coleman who will start with BC ELN on August 14 as a new project coordinator.

A. Cocchia and J. Looney (PLSB) met with the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC), a consortium for BC public school districts, to establish collaboration between the post-secondary, public, and the K-12 sectors. Discussions focussed on information resources available for collaborative licensing.

3. Items for decision

3.1 Strategic Plan, 2006-2011 (Mission, Vision, Bold Steps, Core Values)

H. Morrison presented background information on the 2006 - 2011 BC ELN Strategic Planning process. The Mission, Vision, Bold Steps, and Core Values, were developed at a large group session held in Burnaby March 20 - 22, 2006. Two advance work exercises were conducted earlier in the year. The Electronic Brainstorm: Wild Ideas! blog was an opportunity for all BC ELN stakeholders to provide input. An Appreciative Inquiry interview exercise was conducted to inform BC ELN communications as well as strategic planning.

On May 31st, BC ELN staff had an internal meeting to further define High Impact Strategies identified at the March meeting and specific Results for each Strategy. The Strategies, Results and Accountability Measures will be further developed in the fall when BC ELN is fully staffed. The draft document will be sent to BC ELN stakeholders for review and input, before a final version goes to the Steering Committee for endorsement.

A collection of stories of BC ELN's best, based on the Appreciative Inquiry interviews, will be developed for the BC ELN website.

Links to the Mission, Vision, Bold Steps, and Core Values, along with Summary and Full Reports of the March session, can be found at:
<http://www.eln.bc.ca/view.php?id=1275>

Motion: *that the Steering Committee accept the Mission, Vision, Bold Steps, and Core Values*

Moved: N. Levesque

Seconded: M. Swanson

Carried

3.2 Expenditure Plan, 2006/2007

A. Cocchia updated the committee on the budget presentation to the Ministry in February 2006 and reviewed the 2006/07 expenditure summary. BC ELN received \$130,000 in one-time funding from the Ministry for the Virtual Reference project. A higher than usual carryover resulted from Ariel and strategic planning expenditures occurring later than anticipated.

Discussion

B. Foley enquired about an apparent structural deficit. BC ELN finances are presently in good shape; however, this is primarily due to staff changes. With full staffing, BC ELN's operational budget may need to be revisited in the near future.

Motion: *that the Steering Committee accept the 2006/2007 Expenditure Plan*

Moved: M. Swanson

Seconded: T. Atkinson

Carried

3.3 Election of New Chair

T. Mundle approached B. Foley to chair the BC ELN Steering Committee for one year. The committee did not have other nominations.

Motion: *that the Steering Committee accept B. Foley as the new chair*

Moved: N. Levesque

Seconded: Lynn Copeland

Carried

4. New Business

There was no new business at this time.

5. Next meeting

The date and time of the next meeting will be determined via the Steering Committee email list.

Meeting adjourned