

**SENSE advisory meeting**

**Nov. 27 2008 10:am**

**Present: Laurel, Janet, Tamara, Janelle**

Agenda:

Janet's ideas for symposium

Early spring

Janet away first 10 days in May

April is an option as well

OR fall conference Rec NS- Nov. and tack something on there

Mid, late May-

23-24 or 30-31 of May

Janet does workshops for REC NS in the spring

**May 23-24 should work for Janet**

Can fit into SENSE stuff

Tamara is away 2 weekends in April

**Main audience:** people who work in recreation (if it was just a nature)

If SENSE is involved combine this audience (last spring's SENSE symposium) and Rec people

Target health professionals, pre service teachers, rec professionals, teachers, alternative health care people- on to this. Mental health professionals too

Need to do a bit more fundraising to make it 2 day not 1 day as previous planned (for rec pros only).

Have Janelle's hours to help put it together.

Last year there was a subcommittee working on symposium – not part of advisory committee, separate

Tamara raised \$11,000 last year for symposium

Know that Dept of Ed and Enviro, and NSTU can give about \$10,000, some is accounted for already

Also got \$ from Conserve NS, RRFB, ACIC, HRM

When asking Dept. Enviro Janet and Janelle ask dept. separately. Janet leaves out SENSE symposium. I don't mentioned Rec/EAC stuff

SMU gave venue for free

Shubie Park close to nature, public transit accessible, out of Halifax. \$250/day

LAST TIME

Keynote speaker for Friday night- public event

Options:

Richard Lueve

David Ore

Or other from Children and Nature Network

Or Joseph Cornell – Janet to find out

Million Kids in Nature –

Laurel will find out from Nature Canada if there is funding and a keynote too.

Possible Symposium Agenda: (ideas from last year's symposium)

Sat. workshop

Sat. evening – youth panel – re: projects

Sat. evening - reception trashformation prizes

Getting people out into nature at some point is very important

Janet: Budget:

\$6,000 form Janet

40 at \$50ea includes snacks and lunch

Participants could attend Sunday or not

Doing it in one day may be better

Museum of Natural History could do registration – reduce that work load

Take a Child Outside Week

- set up organization campaign here in for TCO week
- plenary session during this weekend

**ACTION ITEM:** Karen Mckendry – link up with - Montreal BioDome – worksheet to explore nature with parents – go online and talk about experiences, earn badges, Janelle to contact Karen

Keynote/presenter: Therese Bellebeau

Other ideas/actions: Booklet for parents and kids to take outside and form 'nature clubs'

Symposium is a great time to build relationships between rec. and rec. and rec, and enviro ed, Connect rec. providers, link up forces

Strategizing could happen at a different time- maybe Sunday morning... people choose to go to this

Laurel's idea: 12min presentations, rotate to next presenter

Tamara to send package for symposium – an idea to work with  
Should really include plenary and youth panel

Janet: will do up proposals to send out before she leaves:  
Health Promotion – Janelle applies separately from Janet

Discussed: Will \$6,000 be enough? (one day budget - \$2,000 for keynote)

Nature NEEDS to be involved in SENSE symposium

Janet will take symposium out of her proposal so Janelle can ask for money from same sources

Janet's work: Janet's work will be paid from SENSE fundraising to coordinate this symposium (since she's taking that out of her proposal)

Admin assistant work gets paid

**ACTION ITEM:** Laurel: to confirm in-kind donation from Museum for registration: can't handle money. Also will need a formal proposal for this as well.

**ACTION ITEM:** Janet will e-mail gov. contacts to Janelle, Checking dates with Dawn

Dates good for Laurel so far though June is busy at the museum

Keynote:

Try for Richard Leuv – Janet will try for him! Fly in Thurs. evening – media Friday, private roundtable with key educators, evening speech, return home Sat. night

Laurel – will contact Nature Canada for ideas

Janelle contact Karen for Biodome for ideas

DNR ask for money right away- just ask contact – discretionary funding – ask for more than \$2,000

Martha Granthom- contact for DNR (Tim \_\_\_\_)

Tamara mentioned:

**SENSE Networking Meetings:**

Dates:

Friday Jan. 23 in Bridgewater 10-2pm

CCEPA Wed. Feb 18 Halifax

Friday March 6 Antigonish

Another thing from Tamara:

Political push: need a sustainability coordinator in Dept of Ed. Other provinces have this.  
Nothing in Dept.of Ed. business plan includes enviro or sustainability

Janet: the process of public consultations and planning for NS enviro education document will create awareness and be the voice we need to promote a sustainability coordinator in Dept. of Ed

Provincial election coming up... need to educate the public on this

Laurel said: Steering Committee to take a lead and draft letter:

To MLA and MP ask for meeting regarding this

Also meeting with caucuses/political parties

Put letters on website

Laurel mentioned: 4 credit program Laurel sent out to SENSE

Funding for 09/10 is mid Dec. that won;t work but:

Could Stan K come to symposium? Laurel to contact him to invite him

Radars up on mental health/nature, social justice/nature, gardens: let Janelle know so she can research and target speakers

Examples:

- Janet mentioned: Truro: social worker: takes sexually abused women for healing weekend in nature

- Recreational therapy with Capital Health

- Tatamagouche Centre events