

## **Minutes - PREPSEC Internatioal meeting the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2014 at 2 p.m. Scandinavian time - 09:00 Eastern Daylight Savings Time.**

Present: Borge Stromgren, Bengt Daleflod, Knut Gundersen, Robert Calame

Regrets:

Sara Salmon: training!

Eva Fiendler: teaching!

Bettina Christensen: travelling & cell phone not picking up Skype!

### **Introduction and information.**

- a) A new class in the post graduate education in Norway has started up with 8 Danish students
- b) The web-company has taken away the access to write in news, probably due to lack of payment. Hopefully the honorarium from the PREPARE series books will be available soon.
- c) A research article on Family TIES by Ellenbogen, Calame, Parker & Finne has been accepted for publication in The International Journal for Child and Adolescent Health
- d) Borge was in Belfast conducting workshops successfully .
- e) Knut to Birmingham next week conducting trainings
- f) Next meeting will include a discussion of author's mentors and trainers protocols
- g) Meeting with Borge Stromgren to discuss research collaborations with Canada to be scheduled

### **1. Approval of the minutes from meeting the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2013**

Resolution:

*The board approves the minutes of the PREPSEC International meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2013*

### **2. PREPSEC International Symposium**

#### **Background for the item:**

Kim and Bettina have worked further with the plans and have made a proposition to invitation letter. They need to clarify some aspects of the symposium and have written the following background for the item: At the November, 2013 Board meeting, it was decided that we should begin preparations for a Symposium in the late summer/fall of 2014 in Fjand,

Denmark. To this end, on November 22<sup>nd</sup> you received an email from “Doodle”, requesting your preference of dates for this event. Thanks to all for responding.

To move forward, the Symposium Committee also needs a list of your suggestions for potential invitees. This is necessary in order to plan, as the venue has a capacity for a maximum of 30 people. We may, therefore, have to select based on the applications for presentations should more want to attend.

(see Invitation in appendix one)

They ask the board to decide the following

1. Approval of dates chosen: Comment: We have to decide both in which period and also how many days we can spend. Some might have problems getting free from work, but at the same time we need some time together. A choice might be from Saturday until Wednesday. We will come up with a specific proposition on the meeting.
2. Approval of location: Fjand, Denmark. Comment: This was decided on the last meeting
3. Approval of all inclusive (food lodging and non alcoholic beverages) cost: Payment through PREPSEC Paypal account:  
DKK 2710 per person (\$500-\$550 , 365 Euro approximately )to be received prior to July 1, 2014
4. Approval of Symposium letter of invitation and Registration form
5. Presentation of suggested invitees and subsequent list provided to Kim Parker to send out invitation and registration form

### **Resolution:**

1. *The symposium will be held at Fjand, Denmark in the period from August 23rd 2013 until August 29<sup>th</sup>. The official dates will be August 23rd – August 27<sup>th</sup> followed by two additional optional dates. The board will approve the letter of invitation and agenda with adjustments to reflect the shortened plan, also including the price of the Symposium.*
2. *A list of guest to be invited to attend the symposium shall be prepared by the following board members for the following areas/countries and submitted to Kim and Bettina by March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the latest, so invitations can be emailed prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. :*

*Norway: Knut Gundersen & Borge Stromgren*

*Iceland: Knut Gundersen & Robert Calame*

*Sweden: Bengt Daleflod*

*Finland: Knut Gundersen & Robert Calame.*

*Denmark: Bettina Christensen*

*The Netherlands: Knut Gundersen*

*USA: Robert Calame & Sara Salmon*

*Canada: Robert Calame*

*Russia: Knut Gundersen*

### **3. Special Status Membership:**

The PREPSEC Board members voted as a group to donate the stipend to be received from Mark Amendola and Bob Oliver (\$500 per author) for the writing of the chapters for the PREPARE Curriculum Implementations Series to help fund our new organization. That will help us to have some operating capital.

Other contributors to the PREPARE Series have also pledged their stipend for the same reason to help with laying the groundwork for PREPSEC International. Their generosity is remarkable and we should consider a special status membership to the organization for people who make this gesture and/or donate a significant amount to the cause of our collective.

In the case of John Choi and Andrew Simon and any others that fall into this category it is proposed that they are given a lifetime membership to the organization . (There are a lot of 20\$ annual memberships in a donation of \$500.) It would be nice to come up with some other benefits for significant donations to the organization. These donors obviously are committed to what we are doing. How can we demonstrate our appreciation for their generosity

#### **Resolution:**

The PREPSEC International Advisory board recognizes the important contributions of persons who have donated their \$500 stipend or a significant amount . The board will recognize these persons on a case by case basis and award them a “**Special Status PREPSEC International Membership**” which holds the following privileges:

1. Lifetime membership and Membership Certificate
2. Special access to privileges to be agreed upon in future.

### **3. Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is proposed for May 9th, 2014 at 15:00 European time 09:00 Eastern time.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Calame (Secretary)