



Minutes for the PREPSEC International meeting April 8th, 2015, 3 p.m.

Scandinavian time

Present were: Kelli Parcher, Sigrid Thorsteindottir, Bengt Daleflod, Borge Stromgren. Knut Gundersen and Robert Calame (secretary)

Regrets: Bettina Christensen (in PREPARE Curriculum training)

Introduction and information.

- a. There were not enough board members at the last meeting. We therefore will discuss some of the same items that we did last time.
- b. We have invited the leader of PRPESEC Norway to inform the board of how their organization is developing in Norway and to have some preliminary discussion of things that might be clarified between the international and the national organization.
- c. Chris Hayes is willing to join the Research Committee. Chris has also informed Shannon and Kelli that he hopes that Sara's conference can be replaced by a conference that moves to different locations and that he is interested in hosting the next one after Sara's.
- d.** Kim has sent an invitation to all PREPSEC members with request of both participating and presenting at the Denver Conference. It could be a good idea that representatives from the different countries also inform their members and also others in the network. This might include flight and prices.
- e.** A lot of activity is taking place in Eastern Canada with 1) a nice collaboration appears to be developing between the CSHS, CJM-IU (CDETC), Mark Amendola and other PREPSEC International members. The authors of the excellent program De Stress for Success have expressed strong interest in collaborating with the PREPSEC International organization to disseminate the model in Europe and in the English language. 2) An interest in adopting the models in the new PREPARE Curriculum implementation guides, Family TIES and ART on a provincial level in the province of Quebec (Population 8.1 million) has been expressed. 3) Three PREPSEC International members have recently received training in DeStress for Success in the French language and are lending support to the CSHS and CJM with translation and adaptation of the training materials not yet available in English. The first ever English language training in DeStress for Success will likely take place prior to June 2015.
- f.** A brief discussion took place regarding the likelihood of a PREPARE CURRICULUM conference in Erie, Pennsylvania in 2016 to give Mark Amendola and Bob Oliver the chance

to host one before retiring while their resources remain their disposal. Kelli agreed that Chris Hayes' offer to host a conference in 2016 could easily be postponed to a future year.

- g.** The organization from Poland interested in a group membership in PREPSEC International has contacted Knut to confirm their and to propose having a conference in 2016. Knut will follow up with them.

1. Symposium Proceedings

Background:

The participants of the Fjand Symposium have submitted 9 articles that have been edited by Calame, Parker and Gundersen and prepared for the website as a one volume 60+ page document of Fjand Symposium Proceedings and dedicated to Dr. Goldstein and his work. It was thought that the articles should be released onto the web in waves of three articles so that they are all on line before Sara's conference June 10-12, 2014 and still give members something to look forward to.

We will ask Nikolai Hamstein and Helena Hammerstrom to facilitate their posting to the website for us. We will send the board members copies prior to the postings for their perusal. Some of the articles have also been sent to Mark Amendola for further editing and possible publication in the journal "Reclaiming Children and Youth", a child and youth care practice journal based in the USA. Dr. Larry Brendtro has agreed to begin to look at collaborating with PREPSEC International in our quest to disseminate social emotional competency training related materials.

This item was discussed also on the last meeting. Since then I have been in contact with Helena and Nikolai. Helena informed me that Nikolai was going to be the main web-responsible. I have contacted Nikolai, but have not heard if it is possible for him to publish the research and conference proceedings on the web.

Resolution:

The board agrees that the edited Fjand Symposium Proceedings be published on the PREPSEC International website as described above: in waves of 3 articles between March 2 and and June 10, 2015 with the assistance of our webmaster Nikolai Hamstein .

Nikolai has put 3 articles on web pages. The logo and page numbers were not included in the articles on the website but Knut will work with Nikolai to make the needed adjustments..

2. The relationship between PREPSEC International and the national organizations

PREPSEC Norway has sent a letter to PREPSEC International with a presentation of the board and also that Tutte M. Olsen as leader of the national board will be the international represent from Norway. They also propose a meeting between me and Tutte where we discuss an intention agreement with routines for cooperation including sharing of information, how to deal with national and international members etc. In this meeting we have invited Tutte to share information and ideas and based on this the board might wish to discuss the relationship between the International and National organization based on principles. This is also important in the light of new national subdivisions of PREPSEC in Denmark and Norway.

Resolution

The board agrees to postpone discussion on this matter until Tutte Mitchell Olsen can attend the next PREPSEC Board meeting .

The PREPSEC board appreciates both the establishing of PREPSEC Norway and the initiative to clarify the relationship between PREPSEC International (the “mother organization” and the national organization(s)). A committee will be formed after the meeting with Ms Mitchell-Olsen to discuss and work together on working agreements between national organizations and PREPSEC International in the future.

2. The next meeting

Background:

So that all members could make the PREPSEC Interational Board meetings we agreed to hold them on Thursdays. Six out of seven members were available to agree on the change.

Resolution

The next meeting will be held on May 7th 2015 at 15:00 Scandinavian Time, 13:00 Icelandic time, 09:00 Montreal time, and 06:00 Washington State time.