



Minutes for the PREPSEC International meeting December 14th , 2015

Present: Knut Gundersen, Kelli Parcher, Bengt Daleflod, Sigridur Porsteinsdóttir, Kim Parker, Robert Calame, Cecylia Bieganowska (poor connection)

Regrets: Bettina Hedegård Christensen, Borge Strømgren

Introduction and information by Knut Gundersen.

The autumn has passed quickly and as leader of the Board, I felt that it was natural to postpone meetings until the election was complete. Now is it time to continue and first I would like to welcome Cecylia and Kim as new members of the Board. We will certainly miss Robert and Borge, but I am very glad to include the ART family in Poland into the Board and we all know how Kim already has contributed in Board activities and it will be great to have her on board in a more formal way. So welcome to you both.

Knut shared news from the international community:

*Prepsec Norway arranged a 2 day conference in Oslo the 19th and 20th of November with Terje Ogden, Niels Hjelm Veirup / Bettina Christensen, Knut Gundersen and Bengt Daleflod as main speakers. There were approximately 60 participants. For more information – see <https://www.facebook.com/Prepsec/>

*The 7th class of the post graduate education is now educated (see more information on facebook). There will be no admissions for a new class this winter, but Diakonhjemmet University College plans to continue the education in another format after the summer 2016. At the same time Aarhus University College in Denmark is planning to start a similar education, but with AART / SPT / Family Ties as well as other programs like “The incredible Years”

*Knut with Frode Svartdal and Webjørn Holten have been invited to write a chapter in a Norwegian book with presentation of ART research and how it is implemented. Knut is also invited to write a chapter in an American book with the topic *Social Skills: Perceptions, Role in Autistic Children and Assistive Technology*. Nova Science Publishers is publishing the book .

*Kelli and Kim gave an update on ETA/PREPSEC Conference July 2016. Due to a change in the partnership for this conference, as well as the dates, it was felt that this was not financially feasible at this time. It has therefore been postponed to 2017 with the goal of a two day joint conference with the Erie District School Board. Knut asks that board members brainstorm where a 2016 conference could be held (ex. Iceland, Finland, Poland) and send feedback to the Events Committee.

*The social department of Tartu in Estonia has decided to implement ART (AART) including training trainers and master trainers. Knut is asked to lead the project which first will include 16 days training during January and March. Since the quality assurance committee has not finished their work, the master trainers will be trained according to the similar training standards for ART in Russia. The project is connected to the CYAR-project (the project in Russia). Sigridur adds that Iceland has been approached to help begin ART in Italy, Hungary and Slovakia. Knut informs the Board that Tutte Mitchell Olsen (Norway) has also done training in Slovakia. Knut suggests that this type of information should be published on our website and Facebook.

Approval of publishing reflections from the Board meeting September the 30th 2015

Resolution

The Board unanimously approves the minutes from the meeting September the 30th. There were no objections and the minutes are published on the web pages

2. Approval of the election of 2 new Board members

There were 2 candidates; Kim Parker from Canada and Cecylia Bieganowska from Poland. With no more candidates the election committee found it not necessary to have a formal election.

Resolution

Kim Parker from Canada and Cecylia Bieganowska from Poland are welcomed as new members of the Board. The Board wishes, at the same time, to express a deep gratitude for the job done by Robert Calame and Borge Strømgren during 4 years in on the Board.

3. Reorganizing the board

With two new members it is natural to reorganize the Board. It seems natural that Kim replaces Robert as secretary.

Resolution

Kim Parker is appointed to be the new secretary of PREPSEC International

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned, tabling all other items, as Cecylia's connection was too poor.

Next meeting: January 6, 2016 at the same times