Minutes from January 31 2013
Meeting of CACSAIC Outreach Committee (Skype Call)

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Materials for meeting at website

http://socrates.acadiau.ca/courses/comp/dsilver/Share/CACSAIC/

Skype call started at 5:05pm AST.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

2. **New Secretary**
   a. **Danny took notes for this meeting, we will need a volunteer for next meeting.**

3. **Review of last meeting – Oct 25, 2012 (see agenda at website)**
   a. **Danny reviewed the agenda. No changes or additions made.**

4. **Business arising from last meeting**
   a. **CanCompEd.ca - Canadian Canada Education Month (Feb), and Day (Feb 22) (Danny)**
   ➔ Everyone was asked to participate and promote as much as possible; try to attract media attention
   ➔ Eveyone should send along notice of events to the CanCompEd.ca admin, Jane Gomez
   ➔ UNB requested that their Women and ICT logo be put up; had been sent to Jane Gomez [Danny]
   ➔ Need to encourage media to cover CanCompEd events; see Daryl Hepting's "Letter to the Editor" and http://www.cancomped.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/SampleAdvocacyLtr.doc
   ➔ CSEDWeek.org agreed to display info and a link to CanCompEd; Need to send them info [Danny]

   b. **Scratch Day Canada – February 22, 2013**
   ➔ Daryl asked everyone to check out the videos at http://day.scratch.mit.edu/resources
   ➔ Peter and Debbie suggested that we need to find a way to make it easy for new teachers/mentors; Daryl referred everyone to the Binary Guessing Game discussed at http://www.cancomped.ca/scratch-day-canada-feb-22-2013/

➜ Daryl will look to develop some additional materials and links for website with simple 1 hour activities [Daryl]
➜ There was mention that Ryan Hayward might be working on a Scratch Day poster [Daryl]
➜ Everyone agreed to stimulate and promote/advertise the Scratch Day Canada events

c. Conferences/Group meeting in spring
➜ Want people working on committees or conferences to meet and pass on information about what's happening in the CS education space, to motivate cohesion within the group.
➜ Best options are now:
   o Western Canadian Conference on Computing Education (http://www.cs.ubc.ca/wccce/)
   o ECOO (http://ecoo.org/), and Daryl noted the Google Apps Ontario Conference on April 20th, see http://on.gafesummit.com/
   o CSTA 2013 conference in Quincy, Mass in July, 2013

5. CACSAIC support for adding P-12 CS education as an objective for CCICT, ICTC, ITAC, and CIPS organizations
➜ Skipped in the interest of time.

6. Formation of CSTA-like org in every province (Danny)
➜ Danny explained that it only requires 5 people (preferably teachers) to start a CSTA Chapter.
➜ Danny shared Daryl's CSTA chapter application with the group on the CACSAIC resource website.
➜ Daryl will contact Scratch @ MIT to see if they'll support a Canadian Scratch day that isn't on the Victoria Day long weekend.
➜ Peter mentioned the ACSE conference in late November and the Summer Institute event in late August.
➜ Cezar explained that efforts have been made in PEI with the Dept of Education. He will investigate the possibility with them once again.
➜ Peter asked whether Daryl can request MIT's permission to modify their promotional material for potential Canadian events. Peter insists that he is not volunteering for anything, however.

7. Round table – CSTA updates, other events that have happened or are planned (All)
➜ NB (Debbie) – CS Unplugged completed with Google CS4HS funding; initial connections made with School of Education, UNB; initial efforts toward CSTA organization in NB
➜ NS (Danny) – CSTA chapter is starting formation- teacher led, university supported; Certificate in CS Education under development at Acadia
➜ PEI (Cezar) – Provincial Dept of Education was reproached about CS education; need to connect with high schools; some robotics and game development competitions over last 3 years
➜ ON (Peter) – a number of annual meetings and events have and will be taking place; will advertise CanCompEd.ca within ACES
➜ ON (Steve) – update on Feb 19 events at U of T; others asked for info on these events – Steve to forward [Steve]

Skype call adjourned at 6:20pm AST.