



**Dufferin Parent Support Network
Minutes April 11, 2011**

Present: Pat Gardner(Recorder), Barbara Horvath(via teleconference), Florence Martin, Kolleen McIllveen (chair), Kally Nicholson, Phyllis Noce, Joan O'Brien-Curtin, Stacey Tillman

Guest: Brenda Annen

Regrets: Paula Conning

1. **Call to Order:** 3:05 DCAFS
2. **Approval of agenda:** M: Phyllis, S: Florence
3. **Minutes;** To accept the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting as presented
M: Kolleen S: Florence
4. **Funding Project Coordinator Report:** Stacey provided those present with a package that summarized her activities to date, including "ask" letters, executive summary & a comparison between the services offered by Peel Family Education Centre and those of DPSN

Stacey to email electronic copies to Paula.

Stacey has a meeting with representatives from the MOE on April 29th at 0900 at the Board office on Amelia. Any DPSN board members available to attend are welcome. Simcoe County BOE offers similar programs to those DPSN offers & they are funded by the MOE . A strong stewardship model that is transparent is recommended as we move forward in pursuit of sustainable core funding.

Guest: Brenda A.: Brenda is a student at Sheridan College in the Social Service Worker program. She has a placement with FTP as part of her studies and is interested in working in some capacity with DPSN. Topics she would like to present on include; communicating with your children in a technological age, transitioning from child to teen, how to keep your kids safe on and offline, when it's not working anymore, building your child's self-esteem, and sex, drugs and alcohol, dealing with the hard topics.

She was interested in finding out how DPSN workshops are offered and if there was an opportunity to share her perspective on these topics. Discussion followed re how best to use Brenda's skills and experience at this time.

Joan has contact information and will follow up with Brenda

5. **Strategic Planning**
 - **PEP's Workshop:** Joan reported that there have been few responses from facilitators. Susan Willnecker submitted a list of what she could and couldn't do.
Joan to summarize results and forward to Kolleen who will share with the school
 - Phyllis received \$158 from Kolleen as 50% of the proceeds from the Parenting with Passion workshop.
 - **AGM Planning:** Presentation on the Town of Orangeville's program "R" Zone may not be possible. Holly G. May be available to present on *Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction*.
Joan to contact Holly re presenting at AGM on June 13th.
Joan to book room at DCAF's for June 13th. Time to be decided.

6. **For clarification:** Barbara H to review all invoices from Stacey before submitting to Phyllis.

7. **Coordinators Report:**

- **Newsletters:** Joan updated on Newsletter inserts; Sandra is working on April submission, Trish Simmons will do a gardening topic for May.

All to review article submitted by Lara McQuarrie that has been circulated.

Joan to contact Brenda Annen re possibility of submitting an article for board review for future use

- **Workshops:** Parenting from Two Homes workshop is full with a wait list for September.
- **Fundraising Event** April 27th fundraiser has 40 registered to date. Flyers have been distributed. Large Sign on Townline from Career Centre & also Gord Weatherall's sign by Zehrs. Joan will contact Citizen Re article if the Banner does not print one. Kolleen will do introductions. All to arrive at 1830 for set up.

- **Office equipment:** *External hard drive* has been purchased & will be kept with Joan
Mass email Programs – Data base has over 600 email addresses, can only email about 35 addresses at a time with & takes about 15 minutes between each group. Mass email software such as 'Constant Contact' or 'Mailchimp' would be more efficient. Most are no more than \$15/ month.

Joan will investigate cost etc and arrange a free trial of such a system

Measure of Profile – Lion's Home & Garden Show,

- **DuCK:** Results Based Training to be arranged for late May, early June.
- **Play in the Park:** Montgomery Village Public School area for spring – 50 kids showed up last week
- **DYAN:** Next meeting is June 7th.
- **DCYF Planning Committee:** Hopefully receiving \$1000 from County.
- Will be able to get a quote for Insurance after April 11th but should be not more than \$115.00.
- **Festival:** 'Sponsorship', 'Vendor' and 'Flyer' packages are on our website under events
- **Misc:**
 - 1) Darla Fraser has agreed to attend the next meeting
 - 2) Kolleen will be attending the 211 event April 29th at Dufferin County office on behalf of DPSN. One contact only to attend.
 - 3) FTP has requested another meeting (June) regarding facilitating the FTP/DPSN workshops for the fall. Meeting to include Susan Willnecker and Caledon Co-ed. Joan will try to meet with them before June so that the fall's schedule can be finalized sooner
 - 4) Minding our Dufferin Youth Conference – it was decided that this event, with a cost of \$50, is not an event that we need to attend. If anyone else would like to attend on their own perhaps they can report back to us.
 - 5) Joan is instructed to email any miscellaneous items when they come in rather than keeping until board meetings.

8. **Next meetings:** May 9 at 3:00, June 13th which includes AGM and time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 PM