



**Dufferin Parent Support Network Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2011**

Present: Paula Conning,, Pat Gardner, Barbara Horvath, Florence Martin, Kolleen McIlveen (chair), Kally Nicholson, Phyllis Noce, Joan O'Brien-Curtin,

Guest: Stacey Tillman, Funding Project Coordinator

1) **Call to Order:** 3:05 at DCAFS

2) **Minutes**

To accept the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting as presented.

i) M/ Paula S/ Kolleen

3). **Strategic Planning**

A. Buckslip Stations:

- Assigned members to check on buckslip stations, remove the old ones, supply the new ones

B. County Networking Event March 22, 1:00 – 4:00 at Salvation Army

- Florence will staff the DPSN table

C. Donner Awards Application: Barbara will submit DPSN's application (due May 31)

4). **Coordinator's Activity Report**

A. Ask a Parent:

- March – Kally
- April – Sandra Szpular
- May – Paula will contact the Gardening columnist from the Banner
- June – Joan to contact Laura at Kerry's Place Autism Services re social inclusion for kids with ASD

B. Spring Workshops

- All registration is ok, except Autism, which doesn't start til May 30
- Parenting from two Homes – full workshop. Very positive feedback from participants

C. Dufferin District School Council: no meeting until March 28 (re PRO grants)

D. DuCK – posters are available for distribution

E. DYAN –

- The R Zone is a code of conduct for youth in public spaces. It seems to be accepted by kids. Joan will invite an Orangeville representative to be the speaker at our AGM, to explain the concept and how parents can reinforce the concept.
- Darla Fraser welcomes the idea of DPSN programs at the library. Joan will invite Darla to attend a future DPSN meeting.

F. Dufferin Children and Youth Festival

- The Country is considering providing \$1,000
- Joan has drafted a festival poster, though the sponsors are still to be confirmed.
- Insurance quote is not yet available

- We have agreed that DPSN will provide a table, plus staff and activity.
- Note that the Relay for Life (all night event) happens on the Friday night and may present conflicts for some participants.

G. Spring Fundraiser

- Flyer has been approved; Kally will photocopy for distribution to schools after March Break
- Other details for signage, logistics, have been approved.

H. Measures of Profile: DuCK poster; Princess Elizabeth PS Parent Council; DPSN will be a recipient of funds raised at the “Making a Difference” DuCK event (Kolleen will represent DPSN); meeting with staff of John Howard Society; Rogers Cable show (Paula will be interviewed March 14)

I. Dufferin Home and Garden Show : April 1 – 3. Joan will enquire about a free table. Staffing will include Kolleen, Florence, Paula and perhaps Kally (Barbara is out of the country)

5). Funding Coordinator: Stacey Dittman reported

- o .Stacey has accessed the Imagine Canada database and identified a number of private foundations and Bank foundations that might be appropriate for DPSN applications.
- o She has talked with Laurie Jane at the County, who is very supportive and who provided some guidance. For example, funders are looking for measurable impact, outcomes and Results Based Accountability frameworks.
- o It will be important for DPSN to adopt outcome measures: pre and post tests with workshop participants, document examples of learnings, and develop other strategies. Family Ed has an evaluation form we could consider.
- o Stacey is reviewing terms and conditions of government funders.
- o Stacey asks Board members to forward their professional resumes, emphasizing their governance experience with other organizations, plus their present occupation. **We agree to March 25 deadline.**
- o Letters of support from other service providers and leaders are also needed.
 - o DuCK will be asked for a letter
 - o Kolleen will approach Sylvia Jones and Bob Border
 - o Phyllis will ask Community First Foundation

5. Reports

A. Treasurer: Phyllis

- The United Way grant of \$5,000 is now in the bank
- The DPSN accounts are going to Andrew Carson for the audit

B. Fundraising: Paula

- o The grant from the County will be decided by Council on March 10.

6. Other Business:

A. PEPS at Princess Elizabeth School.

- Our charge for a workshop in the past was \$300
- Joan will send an Email to all facilitators inviting their interest in providing a one night workshop, and suggesting the topic they would present. (respond by March 11)

B. Article reprinting at Family Education

- Since it originally appeared in the Banner, they will be asked for approval. Kolleen will call Tracey at the Banner
- The article would be printed in the FEC newsletter and added to their website.

Next meetings: April 11; May 9; June 13 (all at 3:00).

Adjourned: 5:17