



MINUTES

Date | time 8/9/2014 1:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Kolleen M.

In Attendance

Kolleen M. (chair), Jan P., Barbara H. (recorder), Laura L. (coordinator), Joan O'B C, Phyllis N.,

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Kolleen Second: Barbara

Approval of Minutes from June 2, 2014

Approved, with minor corrections

Motion: Barbara Second: Kolleen

Coordinator's Report

Some highlights of Laura's report as per discussion were:

- A. Ask a Parent:
 - a. Kolleen is still able to write October column
 - b. Laura will ask Marc to do the December column;
 - c. all other columns are already written, up to January
- B. The Fall Workshop schedule is being printed today (despite technical challenges)
 - a. Board members are encouraged to post copies in various public venues; copies can be picked up from the DCAFS lobby
 - b. In the spring, we will consider listing the location of workshops in this building, as DPSN/DCAFS
 - c. DuCK's full page workshop schedule will be printed in the Banner on Sept. 25
- C. The Amaranth Lions Club has accepted our proposal; we are waiting to hear when we can make a presentation, which Laura is finishing.
- D. The application has been submitted to United Way. The new form was difficult to complete but the information about the outcomes of DPSN programs will be useful for future applications to other funders. A designated donation was received
- E. Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) workshop Sept. 22 will be attended by Laura

- F. Volunter Dufferin: we approve paying \$100 for a year's membership. We hope to use this as a recruiting tool for new board members and volunteers for other possible tasks, such as child care at workshops.
- G. Laura had an email from Suzanne D, a local lawyer and parent, who is interested in possibly giving workshops on legal issues, or in volunteering. Laura will invite her to the next board meeting.
- H. DuCK is reviewing the priorities from the Dufferin Children's and Youth Charters of Rights to focus on the top two or three, which will influence what the Parenting Initiatives Committee will operationalize
- I. The Ministry of Education has released a new resource tool, "How Does Learning Happen?" Its philosophy is very consistent with that of DPSN – we need to make use of this congruence.

Treasurer's Reports

- A. There is no material change to our financial position
- B. The audited financial statements have been distributed to board members
- C. As we prepare for the application to the County of Dufferin, we are cognizant of the fall municipal elections

Strategic Planning

- A. Promotion of the Special Event on Oct. 22:
 - a. posters will be available soon
 - b. Laura is meeting with Angela at the Orangeville Citizen to explore opportunities for promotion
- B. Relationship with schools
 - a. In order to reach more parents, we will try to get into one or two schools on Parent Interview nights to set up a table. Start, perhaps, at Island Lake
 - b. Kindergarten registration in the late winter is another possibility, as is orientation night for grade nine.
 - c. In order to pave the way for the applications for PRO Grants, try to get on the agenda of Parent Council meetings starting in October
 - d. Laura will compile the dates of these events
- C. 3 – 5 Year Strategic Plan
 - a. Jan and Laura will work on completing the plan we discussed in late June.
 - b. The draft plan will be distributed prior to the October meeting

Risk Management

- A. The Criminal Reference Check Policy will be finalized by Kolleen and Laura prior to the October meeting
- B. New Board member recruitment will be addressed through the Volunteer Dufferin membership and the stronger relationship with schools.
 - a. A stronger relationship with the libraries might identify a potential board member as well as possible workshops delivered at the libraries, which would get DPSN onto their schedule
 - b. Laura will talk with Darla about possibilities.
- C. Fundraising
 - a. Once the Strategic Plan is approved, we can proceed with the Honda proposal
 - b. Other grant possibility – Canada Post
 - c. Seeking sponsorship, perhaps from service clubs, for specific needs, such as purchasing new sets of books, for example, "How to Talk..."
 - d. Other possibilities: Boston Pizza, M & M Meats, Jungle Oasis

D. Participation at local events:

- a. Laura will confirm the event at The Maples, (probable date: Oct. 4)
- b. If DPSN donates something to silent auctions at other groups' events, such as two tickets to our fundraising events, it would be another way to raise DPSN's profile

E. Additional, active facilitators

- a. A number of the individuals who had training last year have not facilitated anything yet
- b. Later this fall, we will decide what workshops we want to offer next spring, and then invite the new facilitators to take one on, or to suggest their own workshop topic

New Business

Kolleen and Gloria have discussed opportunities for the two organizations to collaborate more closely on the basis of our shared philosophy on parenting. We will explore inviting DCAFS to attend DPSN board meetings to discuss potential workshops and other collaborative initiatives.

Next Meetings

- Monday, October 6
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- Feb. 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 4 (due to PD day for one school board)
- June 15 (due to PD day for the other school board)