



**Dufferin Parent Support Network Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes June 11, 2012**

Present: Kolleen McI (chair), Barbara H., Kally N., Joan O'B., Phyllis N., Catherine C., (guest) Terry, Pat G., (recorder)

Regrets: Paula C

1) **Call to Order:** At 3:40 at DCAFS. Agenda approved with United Way added for discussion Barb (S) Presentation from Nolan McIlveen on his success in earning \$239 for DPSN by making Lock Buddy bracelets that were sold at his school. He presented a cheque for the above amount to the committee.

2) **Minutes**

To accept the minutes of the meeting from May 14/12 as presented. M/Kolleen S/ Phyllis

3) **Strategic Planning:**

a) *Hiring new coordinator:* Closing date for applicants is these Friday, June 15th .Applications are still coming in & response has been good. Please read resumes & provide feedback in hopes of narrowing candidates for interview to five.

Action: Joan to review submissions from her perspective as coordinator.

Action: Barb will give Phyllis the invoice for the advertizing fee through Charity Village

4) **Coordinator:**

a) **Activity Report**

“Ask a parent” Banner monthly column for;

June: Article due from Kolleen end of this week. Discussion re whether to have another bullying article in light of Bill 13 & how bullying will be dealt with in the school system once in place.

July: Kolleen will write one on using encouragement in parent

Aug: Pat will write on Active & Safe Routes to School

Sept: Article will promote fall workshops using a testimonial from Darla. Kolleen will use spring format for fall workshop newsletter rather than have new hire attempt to do. She will supervise new coordinator.

Oct: Marc Mailot “forgiveness is free but trust is earned”

b) **Workshops**

Spring workshops: Healthy Relationships to run from June 19-26 at library.

Action: Joan to send final report.

Fall workshops:

- Dr. Finlayson will do a part two presentation on ADHD including tips /tools etc, and handouts on Sept 27th. It is already booked, will need some promotion. It is possible he could write an article on this topic for the Banner. This could be a potential fundraising event.

Action: Joan to approach to discuss possibility of offering event as a fundraiser.

- Susan’s “How to talk” workshop runs Sept 19-Oct 24th.
- Kim’s substance misuse workshop went well last time. He would be open to having teens present. Suggested possibly holding over two nights, first night to review scientific data of the effects of substances on the brain for both parents and teens and the second night for parents only.

- Second night of the evening workshop offered at a Shelburne school was cancelled. Workshop “Effective Discipline for a happy family” not well received by parents present. The school may call again in fall. Eight people attended which is good with limited promotion.

Measure of profile; Joan will send to group

Duck; Next meetings: June 19th, then Sept 4th DPSN representative should attend. Paula back June 17th

DYAN; Next Meeting September 11, opportunity for new coordinator to attend

Dufferin District School Council: Next meeting dates not known at this time

- c) **Festival Report:** Joan will be attending a debrief meeting tomorrow. She feels it went well. This group will be discussing sustainability of the festival as it will need more infrastructures to continue as it is currently offered. A few Parent surveys were completed. Bean bag toss was popular! In future, it would be helpful to have items to hand out. Many thanks to those who came out to volunteer! For future reference, DPSN has all festival files.
- d) **United way;** Accepting applications starting July. Kolleen attended AGM. Three year funding will be based on two categories. Kolleen has info on what these categories are. It is possible that based on these two categories we may not be eligible for funding. DPSN can & will apply for funding regardless. Paula has already had a conversation re future funding with a United Way representative. .

5) Reports:

a) Treasurer- For future reference, please provide a copy of final funding proposal and official response, as well as any reports associated with an RFP to Phyllis for her records. Phyllis presented financial statements

b) Fundraising- nothing to report at this time.

8) Meeting Schedule- Will continue to meet from 3-5pm at DCAFs on the following dates:

Sept 10, 2012, Oct 1, Nov 12, Dec TBA-

Jan 14, 2013, Feb 11, Mar 11, April 8th, May 13th, and June 10th.

9) Next Meeting: Sept 10, 2012