



**Dufferin Parent Support Network Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes, Feb 8th, 2010**

**Present:** Phyllis Noce, Paula Conning, Joan O'Brien-Curtin, Kolleen McIlveen, Florence Martin, Barbara Horvath

**Regrets:** Pat Gardner

**Guest:** Kally Nicholson joined our meeting. Kally has agreed to serve as an ad hoc Board member under our June 2010 AGM.

**Call to Order:** 09:50 am

**1. Agenda**

To accept the agenda for the Feb. 8, 2010 DPSN Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Accepted with the addition of "DuCK Launch" as item 7.3, under New business

M/ Paula S/Florence

**2. Minutes**

To accept the minutes of the January 11th, 2010 meeting as presented.

M/ Florence S/ Paula

**3. Strategic Planning:**

**What Is it Like to Be a Girl-** Linda Cameron and her 'Pink Project' team will deliver a 2 hour evening presentation titled, "What does it mean to be a Girl Aged 5-11 in the 21st Century?", on May 12th at Princess Margaret Public School. They are doing this presentation on February 25th, from 1:30-3:00 pm at a conference in Niagara Falls. Joan and Kolleen will attend.

**Newspaper Columns:**

**February-** Marianne Breadner- Adolescents and Mental Health

**March-** possibly Kally, topic to be finalized

**April-** Kolleen and Joan 'What is it Like to be a girl' in anticipation of the workshop

**May-** Brandy Robinson will write a column on diversity and will let us know when she can have it ready

**Coordinator Report-** Joan submitted report

Reviewed and discussed draft Spring workshop schedule. Almost ready for photocopying and school distribution

Agreed to henceforth treat "About DPSN" as a 'controlled document' with revision dates saved and noted.

Will have all facilitators sign updated facilitator agreements as a starting point for 2010.

**Treasurer's Report:** have \$2000.00 in our account, an expect \$8000.00 from the County  
**Fundraising Report:**

Committee approved \$8000.00 and final county approval (hopefully) pending

Will pursue PRO Grant funding in partnership with the Dufferin schools- (Paula)

Discussed concept of a "Morning Studio" to make plant based crafts for both parent support/ community building and fundraising. Phyllis will contact Donna McAvoy from the Horticultural Society to discuss.

## 6. Risk Management

- Facilitator Recruitment- wow- we now have Kally, an experienced early childhood educator and parent, and also, Lynn Hand, a parent and current employee/ facilitator for the (Peel) Family Ed. Centre. Also, 3 additional new facilitators associated with other agencies leading spring workshops. I am knocking on wood as I type.

## 7. New Business

- AODA legislation- Board members can take the online training related to the new accessibility legislation at [www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/serve-ability/splash](http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/mcsc/serve-ability/splash) . This course will help us better serve clients with disabilities. It takes approximately 45 minutes to complete.
- Family Education Centre Proposal: Diane Myers and Lynn Hand from the Family Education Centre joined our meeting to tell us of their request for funding from the Counselling Foundation of Canada for a project to enhance their parent educator training and support systems. They are working with Stan Shapiro and his daughter, Karen Skinulis on this project and they have invited us to be partners. During discussion it was apparent the FEC operated quite differently from DPSN in that they deliver specific courses based on Alderian principles. Our response is that we would welcome having the FEC deliver some of their courses in Dufferin county and we would partner with them on this through provision of advertising, registration, and facilities arrangements, as we do with our many other partners. Additionally, we would invite our facilitators, or others interested in this, to take optionally) part in their training programs. We'll ask if they would like us to be partners in their funding proposal within these parameters.
- Dufferin Coalition for Kids is hosting an event on Friday Feb. 12th, all board members welcome. Joan will send the invitation to our contact list.

Adjourned 12:15 pm