



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

Present: Phyllis Noce, Paula Conning, Joan O'Brien-Curtin, Kolleen McIlveen, Pat Gardner, Kally Nicholson

Regrets: Florence Martin, Barbara Horvath

Call to Order: 09:40 am

1. Agenda

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

Accepted with the additions of Library Internet Filtering, 'Play in the Park' initiative, and Studio fundraising under New business

M/ Pat

S/Phyllis

2. Minutes

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

M/ Paula

S/ Kolleen

3. Strategic Planning:

What Is it Like to Be a Girl- Joan and Kolleen attended this presentation on February 25th, from 1:30-3:00 pm at a conference in Niagara Falls. Board discussed content based on their report and we will request that for our presentation they include research into outcomes of media exposure on development, strategies for dialoguing with children, and handouts appropriate for parents.

Newspaper Columns:

March- Kally; social conflict resolution

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

May-Brandy Robinson; diversity awareness for children and youth (Joan to follow up)

Measures of Profile;

DPSN is included in DUCK publications from the Banner

DPSN display at the DuCK event on February 12th

Coordinator Report- Joan submitted report

Spring workshop schedule distributed to schools and other community spots

Facilitator agreements finalized. Will have two versions- one for paid facilitators, and one for those paid by their employers. Will require a police records check for all new facilitators dated within one year prior to their start date. Employees of other organizations may submit a photocopy of their check on file with their employer regardless of its date.

Joan to refer to the Dufferin Family Directory website for current information on community resources as required.

Joan will request space for DPSN at the Spring Home and Garden Show, weekend of March 26-28. Will email a schedule for board members to take shifts.

Program Committee: Will delete this section as there is no committee and Joan includes program information in her coordinator's report. Spring enrolment varies greatly program to program. Joan will send brief email reminders of upcoming programs as their start dates approach.

Treasurer's Report: Received \$8000.00 from the County. Require an additional \$5000.00 to meet our expenses until Spring 2011

Fundraising Report:

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. Paula will contact Donna McAvoy from the Horticultural Society, and Shirleyanne English from the Garden Club of London to discuss. Project would be labour intensive and is somewhat arms length from our mandate. Will consider whether other partners might lead this project with DPSN as a beneficiary.

Paula will update our case for support and send to churches, service clubs, MCYS

Paula to rewrite School Partnership proposal for Trillium Grant

6. Risk Management

No updates

7. New Business

Library Internet Filtering- Paula received request from Sue Snider asking that DPSN support a request for all libraries in Dufferin to utilize filtering software to prevent children accessing sexually explicit materials. Sue did send documentation, both supporting and opposing such filters. Included with this documentation was the response from the Grand Valley Public Library, detailing the policy of each library in Dufferin. Their current policies reflect reasonable diligence. We, DPSN, support these policies, and we support the libraries in not endorsing internet filtering.

'Play in the Park'- DuCK is planning a launch of a community development initiative- "Play in the Park" based on Silken Laumann's model (www.silkensactivekids.ca). DPSN board members Paula, Kolleen, and Kally are involved with this project.

Adjourned 12:00 pm