



Dufferin Parent Support Network Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, September 14th, 2009

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

Regrets: Barbara Horvath

Guest: Brenda Courtney

Prior to the call to order, Brenda informed us of her secondment to the Student Support Leadership Initiative. This is a one year contract, funded by the Ministry of Education, housed at Dufferin Child and Family Services, and Brenda's position is Liaison, between the Boards of Education in Wellington and Dufferin, and the organizations that provide supports to students, particularly mental health supports. The project's objective is to improve outcomes for students by improving understanding of services, improving decision making processes, and improving access to supports and services.

Call to Order: 10:10 am

1. Agenda

To accept the agenda for the Sept 14th, 2009 DPSN Board of Directors meeting as presented.

M/ Paula S/Pat

2. Minutes

To accept the minutes of the June 15th, 2009 meeting as presented.

M/Paula S/ Kolleen

3. Strategic Planning:

Fall Schedule:

How to Talk... is full. Between DPSN and the OEYC we have only 18 sets of the books. Joan will cost purchasing another 15 sets, and Paula will request funding from the

We do not have funding to insert our schedule into the Orangeville Banner this year. Last year's workshops were very well attended and we attribute this largely to our newspaper advertising. Joan will cost a fall insert into the Tuesday Banner and Paula will request funding from the Early Years Funding DuCK subcommittee.

We have a need for a **'Blended Families'** workshop. This needs to be developed. Brenda will ask Gloria Campbell (DCAFS, Children's Mental Health Manager) if they are interested in developing and delivering this program.

Michael Reist- "Raising Children in a New Kind of World" evening presentation is scheduled for November 4th, at Westside, advertising sign booked, student support booked, flyer drafted. Will distribute information after Thanksgiving. Discussed selling water, decided to avoid contributing to

waste through use of plastic bottles. Paula will cost reuseable metal bottles that we could sell as a fundraising activity.

Too Sexy to Soon-Pat will contact Linda Cameron to discuss a possible evening presentation in Spring 2010

Ministry of Child and Youth Services Planning Table:

DuCK has agreed to assume this role for the MCYS. Alayne Langerak, our MCYS representative, has informed DuCK that there is \$15,000.00 available for our planning and organizing in this role. Paula and Brenda were on a subcommittee of DuCK that met during the summer to plan how best to utilize these funds. Outcome is funds will be used to: design and layout the WDG Report Card on the Wellbeing of Children; update, and publish via website and print, the Directory of Services for children, youth, and families; investigate DS Respite needs and options; and deliver a strategic planning day and networking program half day.

Duck also been asked by Dufferin County to recommend utilization of \$10,000.00 they have available for parenting training, primarily for parents of children aged 0-6 yrs. as these are Best Start residual funds. Paula and Brenda served on the subcommittee. Funds will support 2 evening sessions on positive parenting for all community members, parents and providers; a mass media positive parenting campaign, facilitator training and group parenting series. Funds are 'parked' with DCAFS, and subcommittee will review and approve expenses.

Newspaper Columns:

September- Tara C.

October- Michael Reist

November-Travis Greenly- Dads

December- Christmas and family connections to be confirmed

Coordinator Report- Joan submitted report

Discussed **Dufferin Child and Youth Festival Report**. Will investigate if Brenda Burman will submit letter requesting county funding this year as we are concerned that the County perceives DPSN as the primary agency running the event.

Decided to reword the website 'Join the Network' option and "sign up for our email" option into one statement.

Will post pdf. Banner files of our Ask a Parent columns

Treasurer's Report: have funds to support DPSN into 2010.

Fundraising Report:

Trillium proposal-Kolleen will investigate rewriting school liaison proposal. Brenda suggested we highlight the link with SSLI

County funding- Paula will submit request for funding

Adjourned 12:15 pm