



MINUTES

Date | time 5/12/2014 1:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Kolleen M.

In Attendance

Kolleen M. (chair), Jan P. (recorder), Barbara H., Laura L. (coordinator), Joan O'B Curtain, Christine M., Jill McPherson (Guest)

Regrets: Phyllis N., Cris

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Barbara Second: Jan

Approval of Minutes from April, 2014

With correction to Shirley Mather (not Mathers)

Motion: Kolleen Second: Barbara

Strategic Planning

-Jan and Laura have met and prepared a draft plan using the outdated strategic plan as a guideline. This was circulated by email a few days ago. Board Members are asked to review for discussion at the next meeting.

Coordinator's Report

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

- A. The Banner: meeting with Chris Vernon, Laura and Joan went very well and he assured us that our articles and upcoming events would be covered in The Banner and was made aware of the importance and deep appreciation of The Banner's support of DPSN.
- B. The Parent Councils have not responded to letters sent for workshops for PRO Grant funding did not seem interested in applying for a regional PRO grant.
- C. Effective Communication for Grandparents Workshop with zero registrations will be cancelled

- D. Positive Discipline for Effective Parenting with 19 registered participants needs a facilitator as Tina Quail Davis is injured and unable to facilitate this workshop. Neither Susan Willnecker nor Kolleen are available to facilitate. Laura will send an email out to STEP trained facilitators to try and fill this vacancy.
- E. Honda Grant – will need a 3-5 year plan and focus for grant application to apply...revisit at June meeting after discussion of the strategic plan.
- F. United Way: Laura will be attending upcoming meeting in Guelph for more information on the focus of United Way funding
- G. -Criminal Record Checks – Laura will check Volunteer Canada’s information and Kolleen will check with Family Education Center to provide for more information with regards to making a decision as to the direction in which to proceed.
- H. Spring Presentation on Healthy Body Image & Eating Disorders was found to be more Eating Disorder based than on Healthy Body Image and disappointing as a fundraiser. It was the personal experience shared that was found valuable to attendees
- I. Ask a Parent

June – Generosity (time) – revise Jan’s article

July –

August –

September – Shirley – advocacy to build interest for October’s presentation

Reports

Treasurer’s Report	- Phyllis was not present but did not report any significant changes for the meeting and passed on cheques for signing
Fundraising	Fall Event: Shirley Mather -Advocating from your strengths Look into Honda

Risk Management

- Joan O’B is willing to be elected to the Board of Directors
- include Shirley, Cris and Christine on mailing list for Minutes/Agenda

New Business

-Jill McPherson (Guest) attended as an interested facilitator/presenter for potential future events &/or workshops. She is a part-time resource teacher and will be taking a leave of absence for the 2014-2015 school year to focus on healing & self-empowerment. She has done a local TV series on this topic, been a keynote speaker, held workshops in Mono and holds healing circles in her home. She encourages children (and adults) she works with to chose a

better story for themselves and stresses the importance of choosing thoughts to get the desired results. Laura will ask Jill for an outline for a 2-3 week workshop and proposed title for attracting parents.

Next Meetings

June 2, 2014 – 1:00 pm Annual General Meeting

Similar format to last year.