



**Dufferin Parent Support Network Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes, February 14, 2011**

Present: Paula Conning,, Pat Gardner, Barbara Horvath, Florence Martin, Kolleen McIlveen (chair), Kally Nicholson, Phyllis Noce, Joan O'Brien-Curtin,

Guest: Stacey Tillman, Funding Project Coordinator

1) **Call to Order:** 3:10 at DCAFS

2) **Minutes**

To accept the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting as presented.

i) M/ Pat S/ Phyllis

Visioning Session, Feb. 7: Kolleen will produce notes from that session.

3). **Reinstatement of Board Member:**

We approved the reinstatement of Paula Conning as a member of the Board of Directors

M/ Kolleen S/ Phyllis

4). **Funding Coordinator:** we welcome Stacey Dittman, as the Funding Project Coordinator.

Our agreement with Stacey is based on the proposal she submitted, with the addition of a Literature Review.

Barbara will be the Board's liaison with Stacey; they met earlier in the week to review background information and Stacey's plans.

Stacey described various funding opportunities she will explore.

- Testimonials would be good additions to the DPSN Case for Support.
- Joan will forward the Program Evaluation forms, plus the reporting requirements for this grant, plus the United Way grant
- Barbara will enquire about accessing the Imagine Canada database.
- Barbara will forward a copy of Stacey's proposal to Paula.

Joan will contact United Way Guelph-Wellington about when we will receive the UW grant monies.

5). **Spring Schedule:**

Workshops:

The schedule has been printed (thanks to Kally) and distributed.

- Joan takes the schedule to all schools in Dufferin, plus all the public bulletin boards she knows of. She keeps a list of these locations, for future reference.
- Registrations have started but continual promotion is important.
- Robin's workshop required LCD projector. The school is probably able to let her use its equipment.
- Holly G is still interested in facilitating in the future.

We confirm that our understanding with Peel Family Education Centre is that any programming requests for delivery in Dufferin will be referred to DPSN. Kolleen will follow up on the status of Island Lake School's enquiries.

Fundraising Event: April 27

Brook Gardner, manager of Halton Community Programs (Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services) will speak about children's anxiety. He will bring another staff, Jennifer Brown, and a young person who has graduated from the YODA program (Youth Overcoming Depression and Anxiety)

- The title of the event needs to attract parents. "Anxiety" may be a turnoff. Try nervous, fearful, worried. Send suggestions to Joan
- The presentation should enable parents to identify excessive fearfulness or worry in their child/youth and have some strategies to intervene.
- Ticket price: \$15.
- Location: DCAFS

Newspaper columns: all columns should reinforce the benefits for taking parenting classes.

- o February: Paula - community resources for families
- o March: Kally – kids have stress too
- o April: still looking. Suggested topics include good quality of our school system, getting your child ready to enter school

Paula will ask Sandra S. about the DVD about education issues for children with special needs.

4. Coordinator Report- Joan distributed report

- o Dufferin District School Council
 - o Kolleen attended and distributed DPSN information
- o DuCK:
 - o \$850 has been approved for facilitation costs for DPSN's spring workshops
- o DCYF: Date is June 11
 - o We approve having a booth, which will require insurance.
 - o We will decide our activity at a later meeting.
 - o Joan is seeking a sponsor for the Mini Putt (which we might staff, though this is a popular assignment for youth volunteers)
- o Headwaters Community Liaison Group: a link to their survey has been distributed to Board members
- o Dufferin Diversity Committee: Kolleen could not attend the Feb. 9 meeting, but is meeting with Brandy.
- o Measures of Profile: Joan will send this report to Stacey.
- o Rogers Cable TV: we are offered an interview for the Dufferin program. Paula will follow up
- o Best Start Survey: a link to their survey has been distributed.

5. Reports

A. Treasurer: Phyllis

- She will review the funders' reporting requirements, so our books can be set up to easily track the expenses for each grant.

B. Fundraising: Paula

- o Paula talked with the DuCK Parenting Sub Committee. They are amenable to DPSN being the screening filter for the workshops they support.

6. Next meetings: March 7; April 11; May 9; June 13 (all at 3:00).