



MINUTES

Date | time 9/3/2015 1:10 PM | Meeting called to order by Kolleen

In Attendance

Kolleen M,(co-chair) Jan P (co-chair), Barbara H. (recorder), Phyllis N., Laura L (Coordinator), Barb White (volunteer)

Regrets: Stacey MacNeil (volunteer), Joan O'B C

Approval of Agenda, with one change

Motion: Kolleen M

Second: Barbara H

Approval of Minutes from February 2015

Motion: Kolleen M

Second: Jan P

Coordinator's Report

A. Spring Parenting Workshops:

- a. Positive Parenting from Separate Homes cancelled at facilitator's request
- b. Spring workshops are getting registrations. The new names added at the Jungle Oasis event have been a big factor in reaching new parents.
- c. Shelburne OEYC group has been very successful. Continuing workshops foster natural bonds among consistent attenders, which assists participation. Childcare is another factor that supports participation.
- d. Kolleen described a new parenting initiative at FEC – Monday night at Boston Pizza (Chew and Chat), which includes children, provides pizza supper and a discussion facilitator. Other franchises might offer a venue for DPSN to hold a similar series.
- e. Books for "Siblings without Rivalry" need to be ordered soon (10 – 12 books). A request for funding has already been sent to Optimists Club is an possible donor which Laura will approach.
- f. Barb W will recruit four student volunteers to provide child care for the Tuesday workshop, April 14 (Skills for Single Parents, at Parkinson). Jan plans to be the adult presence, with Kolleen as back up.

B. Alyson Schafer, May 6

- a. We discussed selling her books, but feel it is a risk and a hassle. Alyson can sell her books; Laura will ask if Alyson would donate a portion of the sales and offer a door prize. Anyone filling out the DPSN mailing list form would be entered in the draw.
- b. Laura can ask Alyson's assistant about the fundraising options they use at other events.
- c. ScotiaBank has agreed to be involved. Laura will clarify the support that is being offered.

- C. Dufferin County grant recommendations are being presented to committee March 17. We have not attended in the past. Jan will check whether she can attend.
- D. Amaranth Lions Club April 17 - Jan will attend, and others will check their calendars.
- E. United Way in Guelph, April 1: Barbara will attend
- F. Youth Justice, of AYSO, noted there is no free anger management group for youth. Laura will ask John Howard Society whether they might provide a DPSN workshop for parents with youth. Perhaps DCAFS could facilitate the youth portion.
- G. DuCK's newly named sub- committee is "Culture of Parental Support & Developmental Awareness Action Group" (PSDA Action Group)

Treasurer's Report

- A. No changes to report. \$17,000 in the bank
- B. Working on preparing for the audit
- C. No information about providing charitable receipts for the donors for Jungle Oasis. Laura will connect with the donors.

Fundraising

- A. Jungle Oasis event: great success. 75 children attended, \$535 total raised, with the sponsorship by 5th Avenue Dental and the Grime Team, plus prizes. This is worth repeating next year, particularly on Family Day. Thanks to Jan for working for a long time to make this happen.
- B. Regional PRO Grant: Application deadline is May 19. Discussion at the meetings of School Council Chairs or PIC will be helpful in gaining input to the topic and promoting the event. Laura will find the meeting dates. The DPCDSB schools will also be contacted, along with the French school.
Possible speakers:
 - a. Dr. Alex Russell, Clinical Psychologist, based in Toronto. Speaks about raising resilient children, who can handle failure, etc. Jan will look into this possibility
 - b. Dr. Stuart Shanker, speaks about how stressors impact a child's ability to learn.
 - c. There is an opportunity within the PRO proposal to add a component of offering workshops at schools. Laura will send an email to all the schools, plus the chairs of school councils.
- C. Policy for Recognition of Donors: discussion deferred. Draft policy can be based on sample policies from other organizations

Risk Management: forms and policies

- A. Concern was expressed about the manner in which the Health Unit presents parenting resources in Dufferin. We will look into requesting a meeting with them to raise their awareness about DPSN.

- B. Consent to act as a Director: draft policy: the requirement for Board members to be Canadian residents is still being clarified
- C. Other policies are being worked on, and will be brought to the next meeting.

Strategic Plan: deferred to April meeting

Next Meetings

April 13;

May 4- due to PD day for the UGDSB;

June 15, Annual General Meeting- due to PD day for the UGDSB