



MINUTES

Date | time 12/8/2014 2:15 PM | Meeting called to order by Kolleen M

In Attendance

Kolleen M (chair) Jan P., Joan O'B C (recorder), Barbara H., Phyllis N., Laura L (Coordinator), Shirley Mather (volunteer), Stacey MacNeil (volunteer).

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Barbara H

Second: Phyllis N

Approval of Minutes from October, 2014

Motion: Joan O'B C, Second: Barbara H

Approval of Minutes from November, 2014

Motion: Kolleen M, Second: Barbara H

Coordinator's Report

- A. 'Ask a Parent' Newspaper Column:
 - a) Orangeville Banner Editor is not responding to emails. Laura will telephone him this week to see why they are not running our monthly column.
 - b) Laura will approach the Orangeville Citizen Editor to see if they are interested in running our column.
 - c) Laura will introduce a blog to our website and include our monthly column.
 - d) Laura will contact the UGDSB to see if they would be interested in publishing/using our monthly columns. If not, then we could approach each individual school to find their interest.

- B. The Fall Workshops are finished and with the exception of Kim Kitchen's 'The Effects of Drugs on Mental Health in Teens, they all ran. We would like to see a change to this title when we run it again if possible.

- C. The Spring 2015 Workshop Schedule:
 - a) Laura is trying to finalize most of the standard workshops sponsored by our community partners,
 - b) Suggestions for additional workshops include a 2 night workshop on communication since Susan will be doing 'Sibling Rivalry', a healthy eating workshop in which Laura will approach Melanie Grimes RHN, to see if she would donate a workshop for us; Kolleen offered to facilitate a 2 night workshop on communication but only if the board is comfortable with the idea of it.
 - c) A new workshop suggestion we received from a parent from the PMPs Christmas Craft Show was a workshop on how to talk to your children about sexuality. What and how much to tell them. With

UGDSB adding more in-depth sexuality to their curriculum soon, this topic is likely ideal for us. Laura will contact the UGDSB to see if they have someone available, or recommend someone, to facilitate a parenting workshop for us so that our workshop content would be consistent to what will be taught in the schools to the children.

- d) Advocacy in the School System: Shirley M recommends that we seek someone who is 'outside' the school system but who is familiar with the school system. We will look for someone for next fall.
- e) Reaching the Reluctant Learner; only 3 people registered for this workshop and we feel the content is very similar to the 'Helping Your Child With Homework' workshop. Laura will research the content of Laurie Few's workshop called 'Home Strategies for Parents ' to see if it deals with recognizing children's barriers to learning and report back at the next meeting.
- f) We do not feel comfortable holding a parenting workshop on meditation and with so many new workshops being developed we will shelf idea for now.

Measures of Profile:

DuCK: Evidence-Informed Planning. At their meeting they are attempting to formalize a main, core community ideal in which all agencies will work towards obtaining. Each agency would have their own step to obtaining their goals but they would all be working towards a consistent ideal for the community.

Strategic Planning

- A) Strategic Plan 2014 – 2016 is deferred to January
- B) Honda Application – deferred to January
- C) County of Dufferin – introductory letter sent to Mayor Jeremy Williams. Draft application for grant has been sent out and is awaiting feedback from board members.
- D) Fundraising Efforts
 - a) Jungle Oasis Event; Jan P will give them a deposit of \$50.00 to hold facility for our event on Feb 14th from 9 to 11 am. We agreed to discuss admission fee structure at our January meeting. Laura is working on trying to get approval from DuCK to sponsor the event and partner with us but we agreed that it is important that it remains a DPSN event. Jan P has approached Lisa La Blanc and she may choose to be a sponsor as well. We need to attempt to advertise this event through the schools.
 - b) Alison Schafer Spring Presentation; Jan P is negotiating with her on a date for last week in April or first Wednesday in May. Jan P will ask her if she would be willing to donate some books that we can use to help promote the event at the Feb 14th Jungle Oasis Event.
 - c) United Way; Laura is sending them a donation of \$100.00 from DPSN which includes the \$23.00 we collected from Shirley's fundraiser presentation this fall.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Our bank balance is healthy at \$18, 225.00. Phyllis N is preparing year end books to wrap up for January. Anyone choosing to make a donation and receive a 'tax receipt' must do so by next Friday.

Risk Management

- a) Police Check Policy: new legislation is being released in 2015 to deal with this so we will review this again when it is published.

New Business

- a) Phyllis has purchased a box of chocolates for Catherine Campbell, our auditor, as her donation to DPSN.
- b) Stacey MacNeil will become a DPSN board member in January and she will need to submit a police check not including a vulnerable check as she will not be involved with children.

Next Meetings

Jan 12 from 1 to 3 PM at DPSN

Feb 9

Mar 9

Apr 13

May 4- due to PD day for the school/board

June 15- due to PD day for the school/board