



**Dufferin Parent Support Network  
Minutes November 14, 2011**

**Present:** Paula Conning, Barbara Horvath (recorder), Kolleen McIlveen (chair), Joan O'Brien-Curtin,

**Regrets:** Pat Gardner, Kally Nicholson, Phyllis Noce

**1. Call to Order: approval of agenda:** M. Horvath, S. Conning

**2. Minutes;** To accept the minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting, with one addition (re Banner column schedule)  
M. Horvath; S. McIlveen

**3. Strategic Planning**

**A. Dufferin Not for Profit 2012 Grant: (In Camera)**

- a. Grant for "Environmental Scan Coordinator" was approved
- b. Key activities are:
  - i. Conduct environmental scan of parenting education programs in Dufferin
  - ii. Input from parents about what they need and want in the way of parenting education
  - iii. Facilitation of a process for service providers to agree on how parenting education will be delivered in Dufferin in the future.
- c. DuCK Parenting Initiatives Committee will be a key partner.
- d. We agree to use a hiring process similar to the one we used for the previous project, which Stacey Dittman is completing.
  - i. Barbara will draft an Request for Proposals to bring to the Dec. meeting
  - ii. Timelines to be discussed in Dec.

**B. Parent Involvement Coordinator: Paula**

Paula will again contact the Parent Involvement Coordinator, Giselle, to invite her to a DPSN meeting, and perhaps discuss this project.

**4. Coordinator's Report (in addition to written report)**

• **Newspaper columns:**

- November: Stacey has submitted part 1, "Parenting in a Digital Age." Part 2 will be on the DPSN website.
- December: Paula re parenting teens
- January: Lara's column about socialization of kids with autism
- February: Marc Mailhot on fostering compassion in children

- April: perhaps Nina Little/Robin Berger on the spirited child
  - **Spring Fundraiser:**
    - Joan described a very entertaining comedian, Evan Carter. His fee is \$600 for 30 minutes. An event with him would require a corporate sponsor for the fee, along with a second speaker, probably about parenting teens..
    - More thought is needed....
  - **Festival Planning:** meeting is tomorrow
    - The involvement of some members is still to be confirmed. Other members are changing the degree of their involvement.
    - Funding proposals are in process.
  - **Other issues**
    - Arnold De Graaff has written a request for involvement in an initiative related to drinking (and drugs) and driving. Joan will respond that DPSN would support such an initiative but cannot be involved in planning.
    - Joan is attending the Shelburne “Getting Ready to Learn “ Fair
5. **Report: Fundraising:** Paula is preparing the submission to the County, similar to previous years.
  6. **Risk Management:** new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. We ask Paula to ask our auditor about how this new act affects DPSN.
  7. **New Business:** DPSN has been questioned about the profile of our “clients.”
    - Paula drafted a workshop feedback form to gather basic information about the participants and their motivation to take a workshop.
    - Suggestions will be incorporated into the form, to be used in future workshops.
  8. **Next meeting:** December 5, 4:00 PM at Kally’s house (details to be announced)