



MINUTES

Date | time 9/9/2013 1:05 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Kolleen

In Attendance

Kolleen McI (chair), Jan P. (recorder), Barbara H., Phyllis N., Laura L (coordinator), Joan C-O'B (volunteer)

Regrets: Paula Conning

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Phyllis

Second: Barbara

Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2013

Motion: Jan

Second: Kolleen

Strategic Planning

Working with Schools ~for further discussion, planning and perhaps additional funding

- a) Visits to schools for parent-teacher nights as follows on September 26, 2013
 - Grand Valley P.S. – Joan September 26th
 - others to discuss with principals of their schools having our information available Jan, Laura & Kolleen)
- b) Proposal to visit area high schools for grade 9 orientation/information nights
- c) To plan over the course of the year parents' needs & how to implement at schools...look at possibly applying for Pro Grant funding in the spring

Social Networking

- Jan presented a draft of a policy for social networking as well as policy numbering and revising. Will edit this policy and email to everyone
- FB currently 47 likes & should note that under “insights” page administrators can get measures of our FB profile
- discussed that it would be a good to put FB symbol on our literature/information/posters etc
- consider Twitter as time allows in the future

Coordinator's Report

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

- it was agreed that Laura should continue to price & look into getting a new much needed printer
- discussed contacting ODDS (Laura) & CDDHS (Jan) to discuss whether they would like to have Mike Newts speak at their schools & help share the costs & also Laura to look at moving this event to early November
- United Way funding application completed
- Laura to look into when County of Dufferin funding application process occurs
- Great line up of fall workshops & mutually agreed that "Just for Dads" was a better title than "Great Dads"
- Laura has experienced some difficulty booking schools with the new online system but first workshop is booked
- Laura also shared info and handouts from the United Way Speech Workshop she attended

Ask a Parent

- September: Laura contacting a friend to write an article about a child leaving for post-secondary education & reflections on previous years
- October: Bullying~ Laura to ask Karen (DCAFS) or find out about using something from Mike Newts website (reworded?)
- November: Generosity (Jan)
- December: Laura to ask Carol to write something about the role of grandparents in parenting

It was discussed to ask Mark from (Montgomery E.S.?) to write an article to have as a back up & to cover the Magic of Childhood (Easter Bunny, Tooth fairy & Santa in the spring)

Reports

- Treasurer's Report – Phyllis reported that there was \$13000 & change in the account and thought we were in a good position financially
- Fundraising – Barbara, Phyllis & Laura worked hard to complete the United way application
-County of Dufferin Application – Laura to check into

New Business

- Certificate of Continuance & bylaws to be discussed at Oct meeting i.e. how & when to proceed for completion deadline

Risk Management

Recruitment of new board members and volunteers

- Very happy to have Joan join us as an enthusiastic volunteer
- Rosemary (friend & former neighbor of Jan's) would like to attend a meeting to learn more

- been unable to reach Christine via email...however Jan left her a voicemail message September 10, 2013 with phone number on her resume to call Laura or myself and left the date of next meeting & offered to arrange to meet after school if necessary
- possible Pat's replacement at Public Health

Further Information & Area of Concern

Maples Fall Festival (Oct 5) – Joan volunteered to represent DPSN, Jan will contact to find out more about

Princess Margaret E.S. Christmas Craft Sale & Breakfast with Santa – Laura to look into this possible opportunity

Laura had a copy of the lengthy report on the well-being of youth 14-18 years of age and it contained information suggesting that teens in Dufferin (compared to Wellington & Guelph)

- report higher of alcohol consumption levels or broader use of alcohol
- not feeling connected to their families, communities and even peers

Next Meetings

October 7, 2013,

Nov 11, 2013

Dec 9, 2013

Jan 13, 2014

Feb10, 2014

Mar 3, 2014

Apr 14, 2014

May 12, 2014

June 2, 2014

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm