



DUFFERIN PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date | time 06/20/2022 1:30 PM by Zoom

In Attendance

Present: Barbara H, Nichole M, Phyllis N, Susan W, Alyssa K, Kolleen S, Laura L (Coordinator)

Regrets: Karen R-S

Approval of May 2022 Meeting Minutes

Please note that there was a discrepancy between the minutes and what actually happened: The disclaimer for the website was *not* approved at the May meeting, and will be deferred to the next meeting. After this was noted, all approved the minutes.

Appointment of Officers

Barbara H made the motion that was approved by all to appoint the following officers:

Barbara H: Chair

Nichole M: Vice-chair

Phyllis N: Treasurer

Susan W: Secretary

2022-2023 Meeting dates and times:

Starting at 12:30pm on the second Monday of each month (except where there is a holiday; those dates that are not the 2nd Monday of the month are indicated with *), the meeting dates will be as follows:

Sept 12/22	Feb 13/23
Oct 17/22*	Mar ??/23* (TBD)
Nov 14/22	Apr ??/23* (TBD)
Dec 12/22	May 08/23
Jan 9/23	Jun 12/23

Coordinator's Report:

1. **Spring Workshops:** All of the spring workshops have been completed. Registration was ok with attendance being a bit low for some. A new one, "Understanding Consent" that was facilitated by DCAFS and FTP went over well, with the suggestion of doing it again and possibly adding more topics to it.

2. **Fall workshops:** Laura is preparing to contact potential facilitators and hopes to include 2 new workshops with facilitators from the Family Education Centre.

2. **Promotion of DPSN workshops:** Laura reported that in May there were 700 new visitors and 127 returning visitors to the website, though a large number of these may have been due to a glitch and therefore skewed the numbers.

An email sent out in in mid May had a 41% open rate. The email list is at 934 people.

Facebook had 769 "likes" with 862 people following DPSN. Posters are still getting good traction. One for a workshop about ADHD had reached 5,165 people and one for Understanding Consent reached 4,913.

Diversity

It was noted that there seems to be an increase in racial issues in Dufferin, especially Shelburne. Ensuring that our website and posters are depicting a diverse community continues to be a goal for DPSN, as well as reaching out to other organizations for other ideas that we may implement going forward such that our resources acknowledge cultural differences and support reaches more families.

Princess Margaret Christmas Craft Fair

There was interest in this, but a decision on registering for it was deferred.

Treasurer's Report

Phyllis reported, that the current bank balance is \$44,464.02. This includes approximately \$15,000 received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation as well as a GST rebate.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Grant:

First steps for this project include hiring a consultant to do a fundraising plan. Laura will send out info that she has to date, and everyone else is encouraged to send any other leads to Barbara who will work on coordinating them. The goal is to have someone in place by the end of August.

Disclaimer for website, registration emails, etc.

The following was suggested previously and will be deferred to the next meeting.

Disclaimer:

On website and on registration/reminder emails:

Any information provided on our website or as part of our workshops is for educational and information purposes only, and is not specific to individual circumstances. It is not intended to replace professional therapy, counselling, legal advice and/or any other individual-specific advice. Neither Dufferin Parent Support Network nor any of our partners or affiliates are liable to anyone for any act or omission taken in reliance upon any information provided in this workshop.

On registration/reminder emails:

DPSN works to create a safe and confidential space for workshop participants, respecting your privacy. The expectation is that everyone involved will respect that privacy and will not discuss or disclose any information related to any participant outside of the workshop setting.

DPSN Policy Review

Meetings continue to be held a couple times a month. There was nothing new to report.

Land Acknowledgement

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept 12, 2022; 12:30 – 3pm, by Zoom
