



DUFFERIN PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date | time Jan 12/26, 12pm, avia Zoom

In Attendance

Present: Wendy C (chair), Susan W (secretary), Joanne D (treasurer), Alyssa K (program coordinator), Loren R (project coordinator)

Regrets: Saket K

Agenda

The agenda was approved as discussed.

Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read by Wendy as follows:

“DPSN recognizes that these traditional territories, upon which we live and learn, are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. We also acknowledge there is much reconciliation work to do that honours the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

Approval of December 2025 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on December 08/25 were approved by all.

Coordinators' Report: Workshops

Winter Workshops: For January through March, there will be 6 or 7 workshops offered.

A survey will be created and sent out via our email list to ask for input from parents and caregivers about what workshops (and other activities to support them and their families) they would like to see in 2026.

Promotion of DPSN workshops:

No report at this time.

Coordinator's Report: Grants

United Way Grant:

Nothing new to report.

This grant was approved for \$8,000 annually, between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2026.

An application for the 2026-2028 season was submitted on October 29, 2025, asking for \$20,000 annually.

Dufferin Community Grant:

Nothing new to report. The funds for the 2025-2026 year have been received.

Town of Orangeville Grant:

Nothing new to report. An application for this grant was submitted on March 31/25. We have been approved to receive \$2,000.

Sifton Family Foundation Grant:

Nothing new to report. An application requesting \$20,000 was submitted on September 22/25.

Catherine and Maxwell Meighen Foundation Grant:

Nothing new to report. An application requesting \$25,000 was submitted on September 29/25.

TS Ready Commitment Driver Grant:

Nothing new to report. An application requesting \$8,000 was submitted on October 02/25.

Rexall Grant:

Nothing new to report. This grant application was submitted on March 15/25. Nothing new to report.

Foodland and Freshco Grants:

Nothing new to report. Grant applications for these were submitted on November 03,2025, asking for \$8,000.

The Georgina Foundation Grant:

Nothing new to report. An application asking for \$2,000 was submitted on September 23, 2025

The Audrey S Hellyer Grant:

Nothing new to report. An application was submitted asking for \$10,000 on November 04, 2025.

Micro Event

There is a micro event (for kids with their parents/caregivers) planned for this Saturday Jan 17th at the Orangeville library.

Treasurer's Report

Joanne presented an update, with the bank balance being \$1,608 (not including the GIC) meaning cash will be needed to cover some upcoming expenses while we wait to hear about the grants that we have applied for. The following motion was made by Joanne and approved by all:

“That the board approve the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the PSN’s existing GIC to support near-term cash needs, and approve the Treasurer’s plan to restructure future GIC investments into smaller increments and review higher-interest options, with updates to be provided to the board.”

Corporate Sponsorship Package

Packages have been prepared and are ready to distribute.

Social Media

Depending on costs, the PSN will consider hiring a social media person.

Coordinators' Titles and Compensation

This was deferred to the next meeting.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Monday, February 09/26, 11am - 1pm, via Zoom.

Monday, March 09/26, noon - 2pm, via Zoom.