



DUFFERIN PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date | time Oct 16 2023 12:30 PM via Zoom

In Attendance

Present: Nichole M (chair), Phyllis N (treasurer), Susan W (secretary), Wendy C, Neetu D (left early), Alyssa K (coordinator)

Regrets: Kolleen S

Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement (see below) was read by Nichole.

“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.

Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes

All approved the minutes for the board meeting held on September 11 2023.

Coordinator's Program Report

1. **Fall workshops:** Alyssa reported on a couple of workshops that have already taken place and 3 more that have been scheduled.
2. **Promotion of DPSN workshops:**

- i) Alyssa reported that in October the website had 82 page interactions.
- ii) Facebook had 895“likes” and 982 followers as at October 10th.Our posts have been viewed 6,697 times.

Community Choice Grant (Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands)

Nothing new to report.

United Way Grant

Applications for 2024 -2025 are due October 30th. Alyssa is working on the DPSN application.

Dufferin County Grant

Nothing new to report.

Community Services Recovery Fund Grant

See “Strategic Planning”.

Princess Margaret Public School – Holiday Craft Fair

Alyssa reported that we are registered for this event. We will request to be in the main room with the craft vendors, but away from the entrance. Alyssa, Susan and Wendy have volunteered to work at this event.

Christmas in the Park

Alyssa will register us for this event and Nichole will look after the display.

Recruitment of New Board Members

Alyssa reported that she placed an ad in several spots, and will continue by sending via the DPSN email list. Also, the hiring process for the new coordinator may offer some leads of people to pursue.

Uncharitable (Movie presentation)

Alyssa reported that on Oct 23, from 7 -9 pm at the Galaxy Cinema in Guelph, the United Way is hosting the viewing of this movie, related to the non-profit sector and the role we all play in creating positive change. Alyssa has the info for anyone wishing to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Phyllis reported that the current bank balance is \$67,119.57

Website Committee

The website committee has nothing new to report, as other projects have taken precedence. Alyssa and Nichole will research and provide options to the board.

Coordinator Hiring Committee

Over 100 resumes have been received, though many were from people living too far away to be able to do the in-person events and duties required. On-line interviews have started, and will continue over the next couple of weeks.

Policy Updates

The policy committee updated/added a few items that were approved by the board, with a policy about facilitator screening being added to the "To Do List".

Strategic Planning

Nichole presented an itemized list of actions items that the chair and coordinator will begin to selectively focus on over the next few months. Nichole requested that each board member review the list and advise her and Alyssa of any tasks they feel should be prioritized after first redesigning the DPSN website. Nichole also requested that members advise of any topics for which they personally have interest, expertise, or exposure, as members involvement and input would be helpful in the changes ahead.

To Do List

- Nichole and Alyssa to reach out to Lon to request his assistance with select items on the action list
- Facilitator recruiting, screening, selection and agreement - process and policy to be developed

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov 13, 2023, 12:30 – 2:30pm, via Zoom.
