

## **DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING, JANUARY 25 2000**

### **ATTENDANCE**

In attendance were: Maggie Linton, Phyllis Kingsley, Jeanne Mortimer, Marius de Bruyn, Karen Brock, Ginny Devenish, Gail Copeland, Margaret Rout, Dyane Francoeur, and Ruth Borst. Apologies received from Odette Daigle, Robbie Iles, Trudy Walker and Sona van der Hoop.

### **CONTRIBUTION COUNT**

Meeting Hours: 10 x 2 = 20

Professional Meeting Hours: 5

Non-Meeting Hours: =15

### **ITEMS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES**

1. **CANADA TRUST**  
Karen reported that everything is complete. The letter to Canada Trust has been signed and mailed.
2. **SHELL FUNDING**  
We still owe the school a considerable sum of money (Phyllis to check the exact amount). However, once planting is finished in April, we can submit the forms to Shell for the remainder of the funding. The school is willing to wait, as long as the loan can be repaid by June.
3. **SIGNS**  
No further action. To be followed up at next meeting.
4. **BIRDHOUSES**  
The existing birdfeeders should be kept filled with seed. (Margaret to action).  
More birdhouses will be made by the children again during the Creativity Fair in April, with a small design change.
5. **FLAGPOLE**  
The flagpole is now in place at the front of the school. Hydro put it in at the end of November. A thank you letter has been sent.
6. **MAPLE BEACH FOREST**  
Many thanks go to Mark Devenish for draining the irrigation system and winterizing it. The last plants will have to be put in for spring. (This will be discussed later, closer to planting time.).
7. **TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY**  
A local surveyor (Fred G. Cunningham, Ontario Land Surveyors) will do the surveying at the back of the school at no charge. He is also willing to come to the school and talk to the Grade 4 & 5 classes about surveying as a career, and about the history of surveying in Canada (the week of March 20 was suggested as a provisional date). Earth moving will take place in the spring. The possibility of hydroseeding, and the need for some temporary fencing to protect the area was also discussed. We should contact CN again, as they may be willing to help (Ruth to look in files for contact name)
8. **GARBAGE PICKUP**  
All part of the "I care " program A schedule is not yet in place. The idea is that the Grade 4 and 5 classes do the monitoring, but eventually all classes will be involved. (Bev and Gail to organize timetabling). (Ginny to call Parks and Recreation for an extra garbage can to be placed by the playground).
9. **LITTERLESS LUNCHESES**  
There should be a continuing effort to reduce litter from lunches. This will be mentioned in the next Newsletter (Jeanne). Margaret and Maggie will make up a notice about the importance of litterless lunches, with suggestions for "desirables" and "undesirables". This could be placed inside lunch bags or agendas and sent home.
10. **PLANT SALE**

Plastic lemonade bottles make excellent containers for planting seeds. We need lots! There are plenty of pumpkin and sunflower seeds for the plant sale (planned for the week before May 25<sup>th</sup>) and they need to be categorized.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **FORD**

The committee at the Halton Board, which is currently looking at school naturalization and partnerships with industry have contacted Phyllis with regard to money available from Ford, on submission of an environmental plan - \$3000 to be matched by \$1000 from the school.

2. **PERGOLA**

The pergola is a walkway, with pillars and vines growing on it, which will be built at the back of the school. It has to be wide enough to allow maintenance equipment access. Revy or Home Depot may be willing to provide materials (Ginny to draft a letter to both). Maggie to approach teachers in order to choose approx. 5 students from Grade 4 & 5 who could do the sketches with Marius' help. The plans have to be approved by an engineer, preferably a parent from the school. Request for help to be placed in the Newsletter.

3. **FILING CABINET**

Filing cabinet to be brought out from its hiding place, all the material sorted and filed (Ruth, Jeanne, Gail, Trudie).

4. **SUBCOMMITTEES**

Phyllis suggested that one method of saving some time in meetings would be to make up an agenda in advance. Secretary should ask for agenda items at the time of notifying people of the next meeting, and compile an agenda accordingly. (Ruth to action)

5. **SURVEY**

A case study from Evergreen has to be filled out. (Karen and Maggie).

6. **SPRING PLANTING**

Planting will take place during the last two weeks of April (starting April 17<sup>th</sup>), followed by a celebration on May 1.

The meeting closed at 8:45.

**The next meeting will be in the school library, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, at 7:00 p.m.**