

## DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING, September 18, 2000

### ATTENDANCE

Maggie Linton, Ruth Borst, Marius de Bruyn, Jeanne Mortimer.

### CONTRIBUTION COUNT

Meeting Hours 2 x 3 = 6

Professional Meeting Hours: 2

### FORD INITIATIVE

The initial application form was submitted to Ford in June. We now have to complete a lengthy Funding Application. A major part of this is the Plan Overview. A brief outline is as follows:

1. General - Mission statement of Dreamacres
2. Specific – Describe the project – a terraced native butterfly garden located at the back of the school.
3. Why? – Start with quotation from David Suzuki (**Marius to find**)
  - A butterfly garden links in to all levels of the curriculum in schools today
  - Children exhibit a natural interest in butterflies, and hence, their habitat
  - What we do to our environment has an immediate effect on butterflies. They are an effective barometer of a healthy environment
  - We want a safer, greener, more attractive area for parents to gather at the school, to provide a focal point and a central gathering and meeting area. The garden will be a showcase for the Dreamacres project and will foster interest and support for its aims and objectives.
  - This is a direct follow-up from the visioning process done by the children. With the construction of a butterfly garden, we would be fulfilling many of their top visioning ideas – paths/trails, rocks, sitting areas, flower gardens and wildlife
4. Strategies
  - Use professional help (Landscape Architect) for planning and implementation
  - Complete a detailed design of the garden
  - Determine the materials needed (Dreamacres already has well-established relationships with nurseries and suppliers)
  - Determine the labour needed
  - Plan school and community work sessions
  - Start date – Spring
  - Project completion - June

Also discussed - the possibility of making the garden wheelchair accessible. Design could include a zig-zag path. Possibility that a grant would be available from the Ontario government (**Ruth to contact Sharon Gerrard to investigate this further**)

### FUND RAISING

A proposal was put forward to have an on-going fund-raising project for Dreamacres. This would involve selling engraved paving stones to interested families at Sunningdale, at a cost of approximately \$50 each. The stones could be incorporated into the butterfly garden area. 2 people are needed to coordinate this. (**Jeanne to contact Gail**)

### CANADA TRUST

We need to find out the application deadline to apply for Canada Trust funding.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of every month, where possible. The schedule of meetings for the coming year is as follows:

26 September 2000  
24 October 2000  
28 November 2000  
30 January 2001  
27 February 2001  
27 March 2001  
24 April 2001  
29 May 2001

Additional dates to note are the following:

1. International School Grounds Day, will be marked at the school by a Planting Event - Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, after school.
2. Sunflower and vegetable planting will take place in the weeks 14 May – 25 May.

### **DREAMACRES' PROFILE**

We want to heighten the awareness of Dreamacres within the school community. One means of doing this would be to mount a permanent display at the front entrance, and to have something on display for Program Night. (**Ruth to contact Robbie**)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

We need to locate the Dreamacres photo album (with Phyllis or Karen?). We also need to locate a box of papers and photographs to be filed. The box was sitting on top of the filing cabinet in August but has since disappeared.

**The next meeting will be September 26, at 7:00 p.m.**