

DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING, September 26th, 2000

ATTENDANCE

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

CONTRIBUTION COUNT

Meeting Hours 1.5 x 4	6
Professional Meeting Hours:	1.5
Additional hours	4

OLD BUSINESS

1. Pergola – Follow up with Ginny regarding letters sent to Home Depot etc. **(Ruth)**
2. Quilt and stepping stone – the quilt is with Margaret. We need to buy and engrave a stepping stone for Margaret.
3. Misplaced – the photo album and the filing box have both been found. **(Ruth to file papers in cabinet)**

WEEDING/PLANTING/WATERING

The **watering** schedule drawn up by Karen worked well over the summer. We do need to get a longer hosepipe to reach from the water outlet at the back of the school to the sunflower garden, or a permanent water station there. This would involve renting a directional drilling machine to drill a pipe for hook-up to the school water supply.

Planting should be done earlier next year. We need lots of squash and pumpkin seeds – need to be dried and saved for use in the spring.

Weeding – the area at the front of the school still has a lot of weeds. Friday weeding for an hour after school is ongoing – until the weather makes it impossible.

FUNDING

1. Ford Initiative

Nelson Aggregates will give \$10 off per ton for boulders, i.e. \$30 instead of \$40, meaning a \$1000 reduction in the original estimate of \$5,800. They will be provided with a tax receipt from the Board and there will be a paving stone in their name. Letter to be sent welcoming them to the “Dreamacres Family” and thanking them in advance. **(Marius to get address and contact name – Maggie to send letter)**

2. Canada Trust

This application can be made at any time. We should apply with a wish list of plants for the Butterfly Garden.

3. Shell funding

The final installment of money has been received and the debt with the school has been paid.

4. School Council

An extra \$200 was received from School Council, amounting to a donation of \$1,200.

FALL PROJECTS

1. Wood chipping.

Wood chips need to be put around the sunflower garden, under the trees, on the path in the forest, and by the windows at the back of the school. We need a total of 5 more loads – 4 at the back and 1 at the front.

Maggie proposed a “Woodchipping Day” starting with all the classes going out in the afternoon, followed by community and parental involvement after school. The suggested date is Thursday, October 12 and proposed time after school from 5 p.m. onwards. **(Maggie to check with Phyllis first, then if approved, email teachers on Chat, with guidelines)**

A mailing would be sent out, which would include a waiver form. Volunteers could bring drinks and snacks to share or we could approach Tim Hortons to provide hot chocolate **(Robert to action, once a date is set)**.

2. Butterfly Garden

Stones should be delivered this fall, rather than in spring when contractors are very busy. We need about 5 truckloads, with 20 tons per truckload. We will need adult help in placing the boulders as they are unloaded. Planning to be done for this at the October meeting.

FUND RAISING

Jeanne and Gail will coordinate the selling of engraved paving stones. We could get a sample done up and put in the display case in the front hall, as part of the permanent Dreamacres display. The possibility of selling engraved plaques for the boulders was also discussed. These would be more expensive and also don't stay on so well.

PERMANENT DISPLAY FOR DREAMACRES

We will have a display in place in the cabinet in the front hall in time for Program Night (5th October).
(Jeanne/Ruth)

OTHER BUSINESS

We desperately need a Treasurer for the Dreamacres Project. This involves writing out cheques, collecting invoices – not a lot of time or work. Any volunteers? Please contact Maggie E-mail Address:

maggie_linton@hotmail.com

if you feel you can help.

The next meeting will be October 24, at 7:00 p.m.