

DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING, March 20, 2003

ATTENDANCE

Karen Brock, Maggie Linton, Marius de Bruyn, Sharon O'Donnell, Jane Thompson, Daniele Schaad and Ruth Borst

CONTRIBUTION COUNT

Meeting Hours: 2 x 6 : 12 hours

Professional Meeting Hours: 2 hours

Non-meeting hours 6 hours

1. **Toyota Evergreen Award of Excellence**

We were delighted to hear that Sunningdale was one of only ten schools nationally who received this award of \$2,500, for the Dreamacres project. The results are posted on the Toyota Evergreen web site and a letter is to follow (not yet received – Karen to call). Maggie has been in contact with the *Oakville Beaver* for coverage of the award and will also contact the Board about getting an article written about it in the May issue of *Education Matters*.

2. **Trees**

How many trees can we get for \$2,500? We had originally planned for 8 red oaks (at \$130 each, total \$1040) and 6 tulip trees (at \$160 each, total \$960). These would be planted close to the Sunflower Garden and line the area to the Grade 3 door. We have to comply with Toyota's specifications for the calibre of the trees, and we have to use leaf compost, not topsoil. Petries have promised to provide us with what we need for the dollars we have available (Marius). Earth Angels (affiliated with Home Depot) would provide us with 14 trees (maple, crab apple, white spruce). Maggie will contact them to see if it's possible to substitute the non-native species. The primary forest area needs birch and trembling aspen.

On May 1, Arbour Day, we can get a free tree from the Town of Oakville. (Karen to call)

3. **Planning for May 1st planting event**

- Woodchips – we need 3 loads to be delivered at the chain link fence, closest to the areas that need wood chips badly.
- Backhoe – this is needed to dig up the back a few days beforehand. Contact Brian Racicot, Town of Oakville for availability.
- Food table – Request that Jan Gibson and Anne Sawyer organize this again.
- Forms - these will have to go out in a mailing 2 weeks prior to the event, i.e. Thursday, April 17th.
- Small items to purchase – caution tape (2 rolls), fence wire, orange caution fence.
- Planting of donated tree. If a tree spade is needed for this, it can't be done at this time when so many people are around.

4. **Official opening of Butterfly Garden, May 31st.**

The Mayor of Oakville is not available on that day. Jane will try to get a local councilor instead.

Invitations should go out soon. Jane working on "snowflake" invitation, Karen working on guest list.

Letter (draft prepared by Sharon) will accompany the invitation.

Food – Maggie to contact school about the possibility of providing this. Also contact librarian about having it served in the library

5. **Memory stones**

To date, there have only been two new orders for memory stones. Another reminder will go into the March newsletter.

6. **Other business**

Last year Hortico sent approximately thirty white asters instead of blue asters. These have to be returned.

The quotation from a plumber for a hookup from the boiler room to the front garden is \$475.10. A request for a plumber's assistance will go into the March newsletter.

The next meeting of the Dreamacres Committee will be at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2003 in the school library.