

DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING, April 15, 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 11 hours

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

Jobs

- Reception table
- Repair of split-rail fence
- Woodchips – we need 3 loads to be delivered at the chain link fence, closest to the areas that need wood chips badly.
- Tree planting (14 trees)
- Moving soil
- Digging sunflower garden
- Digging vegetable garden
- Clean-up

Equipment needed

Backhoe, wheelbarrows, shovels, garden rakes, pails & buckets, gloves, wire cutters, pliers.

Maggie will contact Town about getting T-bars (64 needed) and orange plastic fencing (200 ft. needed).

Karen has already purchased caution tape and fence wire.

Forms will go out in the April 17th mailing and will be sent to the office. These will be collated and information transferred to the work sheet. (Ruth)

Food table – Thanks to Jan Gibson and Anne Sawyer for organizing this again.

Formal thanks still need to go to Mr. Teufel for his time and use of his bobcat in digging the Butterfly Garden.

2. **Trees**

14 trees will be planted at the May 1st planting event.

On May 1, Arbour Day, we will get a free tree from the Town of Oakville. It will be planted next to the driveway.

3. **Official opening of Butterfly Garden, Friday, May 30th**

The guest list has been finalized by Karen, and Jen has agreed to type it up and produce the envelopes. There are approx. 45 names in total. A copy of the master list should stay with Jen in the office for the RSVPs.

Jane's class has been working hard on creating beautiful invitations in the shape of a butterfly.

The school principal has approved a sum of \$500 for the reception. This should be sufficient to cover

a selection of fruit trays, cakes, sandwiches and punch, plus rental of glasses and plates. The food will be served in the library, which will have been decorated for the volunteer tea.

The Sunningdale choir will sing 3 songs. The programme will also include Japanese dancing and a violin solo (not yet confirmed).

The Dreamacres photo album will be on view.

Slides and the two "Dig-in" videos will be running in the library.

A Guest Book will be at the front entrance for signing.

Parking will be at the front of the school (staff to be asked to park at the back on that day).

Name tags needed for invitees and committee (Maggie to ask Shoji family). We will need to purchase the plastic holders.

We need a yellow ribbon for the opening ceremony.

Chris Hadfield to be asked to cut the ribbon (backups – Minister of the Environment, Chris Stockwell? Someone from Butterfly Conservatory?)

Program of events

- Choir
- Greetings (Principal)
- Celebration of project (Maggie)
- Ribbon cutting
- Choir
- Japanese dancing
- Choir
- Reception to follow (violinist to play at reception)

4. Memory stones

To date, seven orders have been received (deadline was March 28). A call for final orders will go out with the forms for the May 1 planting event. Due date will be 23rd April.

5. Toyota Evergreen Award of Excellence

Karen has received the award money and acknowledged receipt. A survey has to be completed for Toyota Evergreen, plus "before" and "after" photos of the planting event. Maggie attempted to have an article included in the Spring issue of *Education Matters* but that issue is already full. However, we will be contacted about getting an article about the award in the Fall issue.

With regard to the consideration of plant species on the Toyota Evergreen application, the committee, after careful review, reaffirmed the official position of Dreamacres, which is to continue with the mandate to naturalize the schoolyard by reintroducing native species.

6. Other business

Maggie has been invited to give a presentation about Dreamacres to school council in May. She will ask for an annual sum to be allocated to Dreamacres to use for purchases in support of our projects (such as tools, protective fencing).

Custodian's name to be added to email list for advance notification of meetings to ensure that school door is unlocked. Date of upcoming Dreamacres meetings also to be put in school newsletter.

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

(Please try to keep Wednesday 28th May and Thursday 29th May as free as possible for final preparations for the official opening, and for tidy-up in the Butterfly Garden).