

DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING, May 15, 2003

ATTENDANCE

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

CONTRIBUTION COUNT

Meeting Hours: 2 x 5 : 10 hours

Professional Meeting Hours: 2 hours

Non-meeting hours 30 hours

Robert Haig and Mike Pikarchuk have been added to the Dreamacres email list.

1. Planning for May 30th – official opening of the Butterfly Garden

A reception table will be set up in the library with tables for tea/coffee, punch and food. Student greeters will receive guests, give name tags and direct guests where to go.

Primary and junior choirs will perform outside.

Two student classical guitarists will perform in the library.

Students will be seated in a chalked-off area.

Preparation

Thursday 29th – students decorate blacktop with chalk drawings (Gail in charge?)

Thursday 1:30 – Garden prep. Woodchip muddy area in front of the garden and weed beds.

Thursday afternoon – lay out reception table and name tags, tables for punch, tea & coffee, food, tablecloths, table decorations, dishes and plates, cups, saucers. Set up VCR for playing videos.

Friday 30th 8:30 – Lay out the food and drinks (Ask Noreen to set up as for volunteer tea)

Decorate around front door with plants and butterflies.

Program starts at 9:30

- Singing of “O Canada”
- School principal gives welcoming address
- (Director, Board of Education – short address?)
- Primary choir sings
- Maggie gives a short speech and announces the ribbon cutting:

Students cut ribbon on behalf of teachers and students

Committee members (Karen & Ruth) cut ribbon for families

Debbie Morton (Evergreen Foundation) and Ford representative (or other sponsor) cut ribbon for sponsors

Phyllis, Maggie and Marius to cut ribbon on behalf of founders of Dreamacres

- Japanese dance
- Junior choir sings
- Closing thanks by school principal.

Things to be done:

Need to invite Murray Cameron, Director of Parks, Oakville (Karen)

Need to order food (White Oaks or Sobeys – Maggie to order).

Need student greeters at the reception table (Jane?).

Need students for ribbon cutting and prepare them for what to say.

Need 4 pairs gardening shears.

Need good PA system (Maggie to test).

Need to videotape the ceremony (Gail?)

Need dishes and plates, cups and saucers (enough for 30) (Sharon to call Complete Party Rental to find out cost of renting. Maggie to check with Noreen re how it was done at volunteer tea)

Need press coverage for the opening (Marius to contact the two local TV stations and newspapers).

Need plants at front door of school (Maggie and Danielle) and butterflies on sticks..

Need name tags (Ruth to contact Shoji family for approx. 100 blank tags).

Need to find Guestbook and two “Dig-in” videos.

Need carpet for Japanese dancing (Marius)

Need napkins with butterflies (Danielle to buy)

Need approx. 15 buckets of chalk (Sharon to buy).

2. Nelson Publishing has expressed interest in publishing a book about Dreamacres. Author coming for a tour and wants to interview some of the students involved.

The next meeting will be held in the school library on June 5 at 7:00 p.m.