

## **DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING, October 16, 2003**

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

### **CONTRIBUTION COUNT**

Meeting Hours: 2 x 6: 12 hours

Professional Meeting Hours: 2 hours

#### **1. New Committee Member**

A very warm welcome was extended to a new member of the committee, Mona Garde, and a brief history of the Dreamacres project was given.

#### **2. Bulb sales**

Karen and Ruth had bought 840 daffodil and tulip bulbs in bulk from White Rose in September and these were sold in packages of 6 for \$5 at the Barbeque Evening. 35 bags were sold at the BBQ, plus several more in the next few weeks. Approximately 250 bulbs still remain to be sold. A reminder notice will go out about bulbs still for sale.

#### **3. Summer weeding & watering.**

This went according to the schedule drawn up by Karen, with several families signing up for 1 or 2 weeks. There was no evidence of any vandalism. Protective fencing was put around all the new trees.

#### **4. Removal of cement barriers.**

When the road was being paved in front of the school the contractor, Burl-Oak Paving, moved the cement barriers from the road side into the primary forest. These still need to be removed.

#### **5. Fall clean-up**

The two oak trees at the top of the playground need some woodchips (not done in spring) and woodchips are also needed for the small trees at the back. One load of woodchips will be ordered (by Marius). The children will spread them during the day, and it may be necessary to have a woodchipping evening, with help from parents. The dead tulip tree has to be removed.

#### **6. Donation**

There has been an offer from a family leaving Sunningdale to donate money for a tree. We need to have a definite plan for this (type of tree, where to plant it, water station in the vicinity, with a plaque acknowledging the donation). A water station would have to be on a concrete pad, and would require a hook-up – positioning very important. Planting of the tree is dependent on getting a dozer to move soil in the fall – part of the water management plan (Marius).

#### **7. Toyota-Evergreen**

All grant money has been spent and we have to submit copies of receipts by October 30. We purchased plants to the value of \$2300. The remaining money was spent on protective fencing. A certain percentage of the grant money could be used for something other than plants (Karen to clarify the percentage).

Dreamacres' entry on the Toyota-Evergreen on-line project registry needs to be updated (Maggie to do)

Karen will submit before and after planting photos and a copy of the Oakville Beaver article on the opening of the Sunflower Garden, plus the school survey. Dreamacres will also be featured in the November issue of the HDSB magazine "Education Matters".

#### **8. Sugar maples**

Karen has 2 sugar maple saplings to be planted. If the grading can be done in the fall, they can be planted in the spring.

#### **9. Memory stones**

One memory stone for Alison Winter still has to be placed (Maggie to organize ceremony in near future). Twelve

stones were offered in the last batch, 6 of which were sponsor stones, and they were put in by Marius in May. Danielle to check with school office if tax receipts were submitted to the school Board.

**Newsletter**

The general feeling is that Dreamacres needs a higher profile in the school newsletter. The insert should include the website address, date of next meeting, plus a column about the project such as “Did you know that.....?” and “This is our dream....”. Mona agreed to write the insert for the newsletter, which appears on the last Thursday of every month (deadline 1 week before).

**Next meeting.**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20 November at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.