

Dreamacres Committee Meeting Minutes – Thursday, January 13, 2005

Attendance

Karen Brock, Helen Conlon, Marius deBruyn, Mona Garde, Maggie Linton, Sharon O'Donnell, Daniele Schaad, Jane Thompson and Virginia Mullin

Absent

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Contribution Count for this meeting

Meeting Hours	2 hrs x 8.....	16
Professional Meeting Hours	2 hrs x 1.....	2

Happy New Year!

Evergreen Grant

Karen Brock reported the application approval by Evergreen for \$2000. This will provide much-needed funding for an Outdoor Classroom. The Outdoor Classroom will consist of a semi-circle of 13 Nannyberry trees and logs for seating, in the field just W of the parking lot. Each tree is representative of our Provinces & Territories (part of the Grade 4 curriculum).

Some discussion was given to the possibility of this presenting a tree-naming/symbol opportunity for the students and/or perhaps holding a First Nations Assembly to celebrate the opening of our Outdoor Classroom; further discussion/exploration is needed.

Thank you Karen & Marius for fantastic efforts and of course the generous support of Debby Morton, Evergreen!!

Treasurer's Report

Danielle confirmed Dreamacres Revenue as follows:

Bulb sales	\$ 238.80
Book sales	942.22
Trees for Teachers	1136.00
Council	1500.00
Evergreen Grant	2000.00
	\$5817.02

Trees for Teachers

Over 40 gifts for teachers was received – enough to purchase 5 good-sized trees!

Memory Stones

Ten order forms have been received to date. Agreed the committee in honour of Ruth Borst will purchase a stone. All orders must be submitted to Marius by month-end.

Recognition of Ruth Borst

Agreed Ruth will be invited to our next meeting and we would make a presentation to her of a photo collage (to be compiled by Karen & Marius)... additional gift ideas to be discussed further...

Recognition & Logo

Further discussion is needed regarding creating an image (tulip tree, geometric shape with our phrase...), which could also be used as a logo.

Mural Discs

We need to have these discs installed according to Board regulations and fire codes. Karen & Maggie to confirm next steps. (FYI – Karen has digital images of these discs)

Thank You Notes

Discussed the need for our Committee to thank those who have assisted us throughout the year with a letter/note card:

- Home Depot +/- photos (for the Spring Dig-In mural discs)
- Jean Richard, Forestry, Town of Oakville (for the logs)
- Debby Morton, Evergreen (for assistance with the grant)

Agreed Sharon O'Donnell will draft a generic thank you note, for future use by all Committee members and Virginia Mullin will prepare thank you notes, on letterhead for review by committee, at our next meeting.

Machinery & Hydra Seeding

Maggie reviewed discussions she has had with a few owners of home-building companies, in an effort to secure equipment/manpower to excavate the wetland area. Hydra Seeding also needs to be researched and sourced. Continued effort by all members of the Executive to secure resources needed to move forward...

Newsletters

Agreed we need to mention that Dreamacres books are still available for sale; our “stumped for ideas” Trees for Teachers earned the school 5 good-sized trees; a special thank you to all the families who made this unique purchase for their Sunningdale teachers; review the Board’s “Designing for Shade & Energy Conservation School Ground Greening” project and finally, volunteers are needed for our “Spring Dig-in” and planting (vegetable gardens, corn, beans, sunflowers and pumpkin) with classes.

Contribution Count Summary

description	tally for this mtg	total hrs to date
Meeting Hours	(Nov + Jan) 12 + 16	40
Maggie Linton	(Nov to Feb) 12	24
Dig-In Volunteer	48 hrs X 7	336
Weeding, Watering & Woodchips	3 hrs X 6	18..... 418
Professional Meeting Hours	(Nov + Jan) 2 + 2	4
Dig-In Professional Hours	48 hrs x1	48..... 52
Man Hours (in kind)	person hrs	X.....X

Next Meetings

Thursdays, February 24th and March 31st at 7:00 pm in the school library.

“Dreamacres – L’essentiel est invisible pour les yeux.”