

DREAMACRES COMMITTEE MEETING            November 2, 1999  
SUNNINGDALE SCHOOL - SEMINAR ROOM

**ATTENDANCE**

In attendance were: Maggie Linton, Marius de Bruyn, Jeanne Mortimer, Karen Brock, Ruth Borst, Beverley Bell, Gail Copeland, Robbie Iles, Sona van der Hoop, Ginny Devenish, Dyane Francoeur, Marsha Ahrens, Odette Daigle and Margaret Rout.

**CONTRIBUTION COUNT**

Meeting hours:  $1.5 \times 13 = 19.5$

Professional meeting hours:  $1.5 \times 1 = 1.5$

Professional hours (Internet, banking, letters) = 1

Non-meeting hours (various) = 8

**OLD BUSINESS**

1.        CANADA TRUST  
Karen reported that we are just \$7 over budget. A letter has been drafted to Canada Trust and is waiting to be signed
2.        SHELL FUNDING  
Karen has sent an email to Shell requesting that they provide the remaining money in the fund up front, as \$2,000 is still owed to the school. (Only half of the total fund was provided in advance).
3.        SIGNS  
Signs need to be made for the front and back. (Marius to action with Peter Kelschnitzki).
4.        BIRDHOUSES  
Ginny reported that the vandalized birdhouses were so badly damaged that they could not be salvaged. Ginny and Mark have replaced them – a donation to the school. Maggie proposed that we make the birdhouse project part of the Creativity Fair again, with modifications to the design, such as a steel plate and support for the posts.
5.        FLAGPOLE  
No report on the status of the flagpole as Phyllis was not at the meeting.
6.        MAPLE BEECH FOREST  
Ginny offered the use of a compressor for draining. This should be done as soon as possible. (Marius, Maggie & Ginny to action).

**NEW BUSINESS**

Maggie prefaced the New Business items by saying that the focus of our meeting for the next while will be on planning and brainstorming, and on raising the profile of the project within the school.

1.        TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY  
Marius showed on the plan the area that needs to be surveyed. The survey will be the first step in solving the runoff from a pipe at the back, which results in several areas always being muddy and wet, and which is also causing erosion. Following the survey results, a channel will be made that will feed into the planned pond. We will get an Ontario Land Surveyor to carry out the survey with a laser level, helped by the children, as part of their Science/Math curriculum (e.g. erosion is on the Grade 4 curriculum). The topographical survey has to be carried out soon, before it gets too cold.

2. GARBAGE PICKUP

Last year one class per day was responsible for clean up during morning and afternoon recess. Parental support is needed to make this work, by making sure bags are available in the classrooms every day, and by ensuring that the children have adult supervision. Maggie called for a volunteer to supervise building a timetable and organizing the program. (Gail and Bev volunteered to take this over).

3. SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

Litterless lunches. Teachers mentioned that more and more "litterfull" lunches are being brought. In an effort to reduce this, parents could be alerted either by an item in the Sunningdale Newsletter or a note placed in the lunch bags.

Recycling boxes. There are no recycling boxes in the classrooms for anything except the blue boxes for paper. We need an alternative to take cans, plastics, bottles etc. Grade 4 and Grade 5 committees could be formed to look after the blue box recycling, and to help with the other recycling boxes too. We also need to know exactly which materials Halton Region will accept for recycling. (Marsha to action).

4. PLANT SALE

Karen has many pumpkin and Morning Glory seeds, which could be used for growing plants for sale. They could be counted, sorted and packaged by children in the lower grades.

The meeting closed in a hurry (end of school) at 3.45 p.m., with the urgent resolution to find a Treasurer at the next meeting, and mention of the need to meet to organize the topographical survey before the meeting on 23 November.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is as follows:

Library

at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday 23 November**