



Family & Education Working Group Agenda

Tuesday November 10, 2009, 1:30-3:30 pm

Host/Location:

Peel Regional Police Community Station, 499 Ray Lawson Blvd., Brampton

Chair: Anne Burke-Gauthier

Minutes: Anne Burke-Gauthier /Alex Keller

Present:

Anne Burke-Gauthier, Lorry Seabourn, Pamela James, Sophia Graham, Peg Folsom, Lina Iacobucci, Shala Mark, Beverly Davis

Regrets:

Leslie Moreau, Diane Myers, Patricia Raposo, Laura Buchal Nicole Therrien, Sharon Doherty, Brenda Stephen, Tammy Reynolds, Anita Stellinga Michael Skynner, Naunidhi Kaur, Sandra Payne, Valerie Arnold-Judge, Sheila Wilson, Sofia Albanex, Meta Giff, Jo-Anne Cripps, Michael Skynner

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Action
1. Introductions	The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., and Anne-Burke Gauthier welcomed everyone and individuals introduced themselves.	
2. Approval of Agenda	Approved	
3. Review of Minutes	Approved with changes. Lina Iacobucci, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board present (was marked as regrets). Michael Prospero: Should be added to the distribution list michael.prospero@dpcdsb.org (Do not remember if he should be added in the regrets or not. Do not know his involvement in the participation with our Committee.	
4. Parenting Program Update – Lorry or Diane	Lorry provided a detailed update on the Middle Years program. The Shelter Bay location has been very successful and more parents on the whole have been attending the program. The numbers of participants at the Clark Blvd & Allan Drive sites have been low. Lorry made additional copies of the flyers to try to boost the numbers.	Facilitators and Recorders are needed for the following dates: Shelter Bay – December 1 st Clark Blvd. – December 7 th Allan Drive – December 16 th

All 3 programs up and running. Very good success at Shelter Bay 18 parents. 16 kids. They are averaging 11 parents at Shelter Bay. Slow start at Clark and Allen Drive. Evaluation – Similar evaluation at the end of facilitated it would be great for evaluation.

Principal had taken out the flyer at Shelter Bay. Last night the 6 parents and 11 children. Allan Dr. 3 parents and they are hoping on 6 parents for tomorrow night. Program doing well parent working and have children caring. Child news worked. Wrote to make sure of that. Important for Meal and Child Care.

We need to look at new marketing and promotion strategies.

The Anti-Bullying section of the program will be delivered by Cst. Karen McNeilly, a Youth Education Officer from Peel Police on the topic of Cyber bullying. She has adjusted the content of the workshop so that it's suitable for middle-school aged children. The facilitators will also be available to offer the younger kids information on anti-bullying if the content of the Cyber bullying session is more appropriate for older youth.

It was suggested that in future we consider running this program in the Malton area. Also, Anne proposed to approach the French Schools or at least offer the program to parents whose children attend those schools.

Bev stated that the Knightsbridge Community could really benefit from this program and that we should use Ontario Works as a resource to actively promote the program.

Peg reported that a pre-test evaluation has been completed and is requesting volunteers to assist with the final evaluation.

A 1-month & 6-month follow-up evaluation is being developed. in week 5 and is looking to find something to fill in this time slot.

5. Update on Network, including meeting with steering committee- Sophia

Sophia advised that since the Steering Committee meeting was cancelled due to H1N1 activities therefore there was nothing to report.

<p>6. Tool Kit</p>	<p>A detailed review of the survey's provided information on the key issues which are causing concern to the community as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Drugs & Alcohol; * Health & Safety; * Bullying; * Parent/Child Communication; * Gangs; * Accessible Programs & Information; * Neighbourhood/Community Issues; * Behavioural Issues; <p>Most of these issues are covered in the programs that are being taught in the Middle Years Program, but there is obviously a need to get more information to the public. It was suggested to redesign the survey, but the group on a whole wants to move forward and get the information out.</p> <p>211 is also a resource for information and there is some concern that we don't want to duplicate what they're already offering.</p>	
<p>7. Next steps</p>	<p>A suggestion was made for an information sheet to be created which lists all services available – perhaps as a magnet for the fridge so that the information is readily available. Anne has an old list that we can use as an example.</p> <p>We need to have representation on our Working Group from the Peel District School Board.</p>	<p>Anne will bring the resource list of contact numbers to the next meeting.</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting</p>	<p>December 8, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Peel Regional Police Community Station 499 Ray Lawson Blvd. Brampton</p>	