

Drug Free DeSoto Task Force
Wednesday, December 03, 2008
Board Chambers

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Pella, Story, Yost, Hrstka, Dubbert, Miller, Goodman, Pops Carter, Charlotte Carter, Harms, Terry, Sheriff Keen, Aument
Student Reps: Kalee Schlabach, Anreka Bristol

Bike-A-Thon: Jason Story

- Bicycle Center from Charlotte County contacted to loan bikes
- Suggestion made to send a message to all users requesting donated bikes
- Logo needs polish, following Step-Up from last year
- Four miles starting at West Elementary School parent pick-up
- Suggestion to have photographers available with printer on site as a fundraiser
- January 31, 2009, 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon

Step-Up to a Drug Free DeSoto: Allyson Harms

- Meeting will be soon; save the date cards will go out
- Looking for a t-shirt sponsor or a wrist band to serve both bike and walk
- Using all ideas from last year;
- Youth suggestion; blue and red not black and red; both genders could wear blue and red
- March 21, 2009, 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at DCHS track

Youth Activities Report: Director Dubbert

- List of DCHS and DMS student council and student government committees
- Jumping Beans party rentals www.jbrentals.com for summer ideas to provide fun; alternative to a summer dance. This company also has a big movie screen available
- Question to youth: What time of the year would be best; Summer towards the end
- Suggestion to have a back-to-school event
- Dr. Goodman suggested that the churches participate
- Director Hrstka suggested the event be in age appropriate shifts

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance: Penny Kurtz

- Penny Kurtz attending conference: January 2009 report
- DeSoto teen pregnancy rate is third in the state

DeSoto County Fair Booth Update: Melba Barnwell

- Space is available through school district
- Materials from last year and current items to display

DFD Task Force Member Report:

Director Dubbert:

- Youth: Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug use reports can be accessed at the following:
- www.fldoe.org or www.dcf.state.fl.us
- Bullying reports can be issued at the same sites
- DJJ council uses this report to see the needs in our county; third Wednesday, monthly, 11:00 am till noon at FSC; all welcome to attend
- HOPE program classes will begin at DCHS
- Next survey will be in two years
- Director Dubbert and Mrs. Yost will look to see what the DFD can do to assist due to grant money covering high school only

Other Items:

- Sheriff Keen has enjoyed working with this group
- No nominees for Do The Right Thing
- Pops Carter reported that America is a failure country. When we fail we drink in this country.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday January 7, 2009, 11:00 a.m. Board Chambers