



## Drug-Free DeSoto Task Force

Board Chambers 11:00 a.m. 4-2-08

Superintendent Cline, Story, Burns, Hrstka, Miller, Dubbert, Yost, Harms, Kurtz, Tabor, Bremer, Barnwell, Mays, Pat Carter, Charlotte Carter, Terry, Yost

Coastal Behavioral: Children Case Manager, Teressa Lee

Step-Up to a Drug-Free DeSoto 5K Walk:

Superb Job: Mrs. Miller thanked everyone for all of the hard work.

\$ 3,765.70; many thanks and compliments to Jason Story for a job well done. Superintendent Cline also thanked Mary Kay Burns and Penny Kurtz with the Health Department and the Bicycle Boy for entertainment.

Mary Kay Burns would like to see a walk in the Spring and Fall. Mr. Clark advised the committee that CVS would like to sponsor next years walk as well as himself.

Jason Story thanked Linda Hall and Lucille LaCava for their hard work. The pre-walk committee, Mr. Dubbert, Mrs. Yost, and Mrs. Miller also did a superb job.

Mr. Cline said we need to think about how to spend the money. Sheriff Keen received some funding to purchase the Gang Brochures. The Sheriff Department and Drug-Free DeSoto are printed on these brochures.

Mrs. Yost asked if we discussed Project Graduation. We did agree to support the project. Mary Kay Burns reported that two car dealers from out-of-town will be supporting the event. Mrs. Burns suggested putting DFD money towards something for middle school students. Mrs. Burns, as well as others, would like to see Project Graduation as huge success in order to help the next project. Mr. Hrstka suggested helping both. Penny Kurtz committed maybe providing a counseling voucher. Providing help for students with no insurance. Mrs. Harms will seek additional information regarding a motivation speaker for all students.

Mrs. Burns asked if we give awards for certain areas in schools; yes, with Renaissance.

Movie Night was suggested: Current movie theatre, possible a gym or show outside at the Tree of Knowledge. Mr. Bremer will check with the new owner of the theatre to inquire about the cost or perhaps work out a deal. Thursday night may be a good night.

Project Graduation: invite Ann Bursa to our next meeting. Superintendent Cline suggested we provide a give away for the night of project graduation.

Mrs. Harms will purchase a banner for the DFD to use.

Dottie Yost:

Currently going through the Florida Youth Survey: Two different types of surveys in one. These are used for reports by county and statewide. Protective factors has 192 questions and never and always questions.

Mary Kay Burns:

Today is National "Kick Butts Day"

Sad issue with the House and Legislature proposed 26% cut in funding and 50% decrease in Medicaid. \$600,000 cut and the other is in the House with a 1.1 million cut in 2nd proposal. Mary Kay Burns asked if you feel the need please advise our Senators. JD Alexander, Mike Bennett, and Representatives Paige Kreegel and Denise Grimsley.

Lt. Mays reported our community is looking good. Two of our SRO's will be certified as Gang Deputies.

Superintendent Cline mentioned we need to remember our students that need referral services when we allocate our money. Mrs. Harm's program is focused on tobacco prevention; there is an adult version for quitting tobacco. Mr. Cline asked if there is a write-up that can be provided to schools for announcements.

Mr. Tabor indicating students are still being seen for free. School base referrals have been steady. Temporally assistance for needy families is also available free of charge. Good news for DJJ Youth Recognition: Last May in Tallahassee suggested a luncheon to recognize students that made bad decisions but have turned their lives around. First event to be held in Manatee County on April 18. Mrs. Miller has a student from her program that has been nominated. Rob indicated \$5,000.00 received by donations for this event.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Board Chambers