

**Drug Free DeSoto Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 7, 2009**  
**11:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon**

**Attendees:** Superintendent Cline, Pella, Story, Goodman, Hrstka, Miller, Dubbert, Bremer, Yost, Carter, C., Harms, Terry, John Varady (Students: K. Schlabach, A. Bristol)

**Step Up to Drug Free DeSoto: Allyson Harms**

- Save the date notices will be going out. To the press also
- Entertainment has been secured
- No bounce house, but face painting
- Food: Fruit, granola for walkers
- Hot dogs & drinks to sell for fundraiser

**Bike-A-Thon: Jason Story**

- Suggestion made to move the bike-a-thon to November 7, 2009, from January 31, 2009.
- Committee suggested this would be considered a fall event.
- No advertisement has been done; no problem to change.
- Notification to RV parks before the end of March.
- This could be an annual event.
- Approved by task force members.

**Youth Activities Report: Director Dubbert**

Students would like to have something like a Back to School Fair, a week or two prior to school starting. Consideration will be taken on all age levels. Volunteers will be needed. Materials could be split between all departments. If event develops, we would notify the students before the end of this school year. Superintendent Cline suggested that the format of Project Graduation needs to be considered. Let's not try to duplicate: Balloon pop, musical chairs, beach ball volleyball, tug-a-war, a wagon race. Student reps will be included on this committee. Objective is to have lots of fun at low cost. Food: Ticket could be given at the entrance and if seconds wanted they could pay.

**Gang Activity Report: None**

Report given by Melba Barnwell

Gang Task Force Reduction meeting on January 21, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. FSC. There will be five sub-committees that need chairs and co-chairs.

**Task Force Members Reports:**

Alcohol reduction program is going great at DCHS. Resource teacher complimented the students at DCHS (freshmen) November 22, 2008 was a SADD event with SADD sponsors and was a big success. We have a new program at DCHS with Coach Dorato

leading the group. He would like for SADD to participate in the back to school event. Leadership is what SADD is about for students.

Mr. Varady mentioned two day training for teachers the week before school starts. Travel will be covered, not sure about a stipend; two people from each county to attend in Lake Placid. Conference call next week; more information later.

Mrs. Carter commented regarding all of the reading she has done on addictions. Stress is something everyone deals with and coping with it is important to know. Mr. Varady said that SADD is adding coping and stress in their programs. Mrs. Carter asks that the students speak with their friends over the next month and bring some feedback.

Karen Pella submitted a *Do the Right Thing* nominee. Student Jessica Hernandez found \$5.00 in the gym and this student needs recognition. Jason Story moved we except the nominee, second by Mr. Bremer, unanimous affirmative vote, to present Jessica Hernandez the *Do the Right Thing* award at the February Chamber Early Bird Breakfast.

Request to have a group email distribution list.

Adjourn: 11:52 a.m.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers.