



Drug Free DeSoto Meeting

Board Chambers

Wednesday, November 05, 2008

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Pella, Story, Yost, Hrstka, Dubbert, Bremer, Burns, Mr. & Mrs. Carter, Sheriff Keen, Hilaire, Smith, Harms, Terry, (Guest: Anreka Bristol)

Introduction of Student Representation:

Principal Terry delayed

Step-Up to a Drug Free DeSoto:

Allyson Harms met with Jason Story to discuss last year's walk. Mrs. Harms has the information and the committee decided on March 21, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. till 1:00p.m. The committees will be as follows:

- Registration: Mr. Dubbert & Mrs. Hall
- Set up & Take Down: Mr. Hrstka & Mr. Bremer
- Food: Sweet Bay, Coke, & Beef O'Brady's: Health Dept will head up
- Advertising: Jason Story
- Team Organization: Cathy Miller
- Water: Hrstka & Bremer

Principal Terry arrived with student representative Anreka Bristol. Principal Terry indicated that the Bulldogs Bark will be highlighting desired student activities. Mr. Cline mentioned the three movie days held this past summer. The Turner Center sponsored a dance with 60 in attendance. Inviting student representation to this committee allows the opportunity to find out what the students would like to see provided for fun.

Youth Activities:

Director of Student Services Dan Dubbert will now head the Youth Activities.

Gang Activity Report:

No Report; Sheriff Keen indicated he knows of nothing new. Mr. Cline asked if DMS or DCHS had any activity. DMS caught a student last week writing SUR but did not complete it due to being caught. DCHS keeps up with dress code; club activity to help avoid gang issues. Mrs. Pella reported that as this time Elementary has no known gang

activity. Dawn Hilarie will provide via email the information on the up coming Gang Training to be held in Lee County.

Mr. Dubbert reported the student drug testing has begun for 2008-2009 after a successful 2007-2008 school year. Students engaged in all extracurricular events must comply with the Drug Testing policy by signing the consent form. Students are randomly picked by a computer at the hospital for a ten panel drug test. Results are sent to Mr. Dubbert. All test results received for this calendar year have been negative.

Fair Booth: January 15, 2009 – January 25, 2009

Superintendent Cline asked if the DFD members were interested in participating with the School District once again at the DeSoto County Fair. Committee agreed this was a great way to get our name into the community. The HOSA students did a superb job providing coverage at the booth and may be able to help this year. Melba Barnwell will gather DFD information for the booth as well as Walk and Bike-A-Thon registration information.

Bike-A-Thon: January 31, 2009

Jason Story provided a map consisting of a choice of a beginners' trail, four mile trail, or a 20 mile. Sheriff Keen said they will set up whatever is needed. Mr. Carter suggested contacting our local law enforcement city, county, and highway patrol to assist with the roads. Starting and ending at West Elementary School. High School Clubs could serve at rest stop areas providing fresh fruit and water. Jason mentioned the cones and equipment needed to mark the route. Pledges and sponsor sheet will be provided. The bike shop no longer in business may be able to donate bikes. Pit crew needed for the actual event. Perhaps use the Armory as a back-up plan to begin and end the route. Bathrooms will be needed along the bike route. This committee will meet again to finalize plans. Sheriff Keen, Mr. Dubbert, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Bremer have agreed to assist with the Bike-A-Thon committee.

DFD Task Force Members' Reports:

Mrs. Harms reported the following:

November 20th is the Great American Smoke Out. DMH will have a tent at Wal-Mart for free screenings

SWAT Youth will do a Christmas Card for Christmas Card Land. The second SWAT meeting is scheduled for 11-6-08 in the DCHS Media Center. Mrs. Harms will advise the SWAT group of the Bike-A-Thon and Step up to a Drug Free DeSoto Walk.

Dottie Yost:

Introduced the Heatland Educational Consortium Alcohol Abuse Reduction Coordinator, John Varady. Mr. Varady gave a brief overview of assignments that he and his two co-workers provide to the schools in the consortium. DCHS SADD sponsor is Mr. Dorota. Mr. Varady has offered to help with the Bike-A-Thon. This is a three year grant and Mr. Varady is hoping to continue. The curriculum has been given to DCHS for support. Mr. Varady wants to know what his coalition can do to support DFD. Mr. Varady has two resource teacher's Jennifer Goodman, and John Million that help serve the 25,000 students in the six county consortium.

Add him to email list.

Mr. Bremer:

Provided a nominee for the Do the Right Thing award. Latrevious Jennings, a seventh grader at DMS found \$140.00 on campus and turned it in to administration. Latrevious will be awarded for his honesty and integrity. On a motion by Dottie Yost, second by Fred Carter, unanimous affirmative vote, to present Latrevious Jennings the Do the Right Thing award.

Dottie Yost reported the Red Ribbon Week that took place last week. Each school participated by wearing red, signing banners, wearing bracelets, putting message with cups on fence line, and distributing brochures.

Mrs. Yost attended the prevention conference; new information on how alcohol is getting out to the under age students.

The next Drug Free DeSoto meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2008, 11:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers.