

**Drug Free DeSoto Task Force
School Board Chambers
December 2, 2009**

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Jenna Heleski (student), Sheriff Wise, Yost, Hrstka, Pella, Dubbert, Goodman, Aument, Hay, Harms, Blosser, Jordon Carper (student), Varady, Mr. & Mrs. Carter, Bremer, Towne, Dorato, Mays

Do the Right Thing Nomination:

- No Nominations for December
- November recipient Kameira Wesley; Chamber Early Bird December 3, 2009

Introduction:

- Jordon Carper: 11th grade SADD Chapter
- Mr. Dorato: DCHS Teacher and SADD Chapter Sponsor
- Mr. Daroto, Jordon Carper and several DCHS SADD Chapter students will be attend a two day leadership training through HEC
- DCHS SADD Chapter membership currently at 12

TPPA Update: Mrs. Blosser

- May 7 student activity; will begin in January to recruit help
- Go Girls: Shared journal comments
- Bake sale and can good collection at DeSoto Jewelry this Saturday, 9:00 a.m. till noon
- Go Girls will be helping to distribute the commodities

Youth Activities Reports: Director Dubbert

- Shopping for poster on substances abuse
- Dance around Valentine's Day
- Mrs. Yost shared the stickers that will be placed on cartons or doors to make the public aware of underage drinking
- Mrs. Harms has plenty of posters to share regarding tobacco and alcohol
- Promotion is the key

Gang Task Force:

- No Activity

Task Force Reports:

Mr. John Varady:

- Thanks for the assistance for purchasing the t-shirts.
- Will be given out at the conference; once the students know how to answer the question: Most DeSoto Youth choose not to....

- Mr. Varady will notify chamber offices in HEC counties that students will be posting messages in designated areas
- Signs will go up first
- Explain later
- Scare tactics work for a short time
- Long term campaigns have a lasting effect

S.W.A.T. Mrs. Harms:

- SWAT members will hand SWAT flyers at the Christmas parade
- Working on Christmas card
- A few middle school students attend SWAT
- A couple of graduates still participate
- Focusing on illegal tobacco advertisement

DFD Task Force Members:

- Mr. Fred Carter
- Which gender begins drinking? John will send the data
- Age is 12 and up

- **Mr. John Varady**

- Scare tactic before Prom; short term fix
- Mr. Dubbert is working on an idea

Superintendent Cline:

Suggested we have objectives from month to month

Jenna Heleski asked about the Bike –A-thon

Combine bike and walk-a- thons in March

Director Hrstka:

- Suggested to advertise bike-walk together
- Move the bike-a-thon to November
- Need to have one event to make us known
- Keep the walk and add additional funs things for the entire family
- Band
- Bike Rodeo
- Food

Walk-A-Thon Committee:

- Allyson Harms co-chair
- Danyielle Blosser co-chair
- Mr. Hrstka
- Mr. Bremer
- Mr. Terry
- Mr. Dorato

- Ronnie Hay
- Karen Pella
- Jordon Carper
- Jenna Heleski
- Cecilia Phan
- Superintendent Cline
- Melba Barnwell

DeSoto County Fair: January 21-31, 2010

- Share the fair booth with SADD
- Mr. Varady and Mr. Dorato will work together with help from the fair committee

Fair Booth Committee:

- Dottie Yost: chair
- Mr. Dorato
- Jenna Heleski
- Jordon Carper
- Cecilia Phan
- John Varady
- Superintendent Cline
- Melba Barnwell
- Have a meeting before the January meeting
- Sheriff Wise suggest that DFD be next to the Sheriff's booth

Adjourned 12:05