

Drug Free DeSoto Task Force
Meeting Notes
Board Chambers
October 7, 2009

Attendees: Superintendent Cline, Hrstka, Dubbert, Goodman, Aument, Sheriff Wise, Kurtz, Burns, Blosser, Varady, Mr. & Mrs. Cater, Keene, Racci, Cecilia Phan, Jenna Heleski

Do the Right Thing Nomination:

- No nominees
- No objections for placing into the newspaper

TPPA:

- Thanked Mr. Racci for his help with Teen panels last year
- Go Girls geared for 10-14 currently have 25
- Go Girls waiting list for next session
- Go Girls Survey was Monday
- Go Girls curriculum will begin this week
- Small group is the goal not enough space for large groups
- Goal setting this week
- May 7th Big teen panel day
- Cynthia Barrera and Shasta Grimes assist this program

Youth Activity Report:

- Director Dubbert met with DCHS student Cecilia Phan regarding getting the message out Poster, banners with a consistent message going out
- Looking at motivation speaker
- Idea to do a dress up “funny” day to get the point across
- Will meet again to put ideas in place
- Mary Kay Burns asked about Face Book for the school district
- DOH is struggling because of the number of lines needed
- Having friends for Drug Free DeSoto through Face Book
- Mr. Cline said we are almost ready for Twitter
- Sarasota County is the closet district to us that is using Twitter
- Great way to put information out
- Freshman Class has a fan page that you can get information from
- On Face Book you can control the content
- With permission from DFD do a Face Book Page
- Cecilia Phan asked if DFD could give away pens, pencils, key chains, antibacterial bottles for key chains

- Director Dubbert will get with Mary Kay Burns DOH on sharing the cost
- Item with two messages to split the cost
- Report next meeting

Gang Task Force:

- Sheriff Wise reported that with the economy issues, not much gang action
- Smartcop videos have been ordered
- Ready for next meeting
- Mr. Cline asked if Bloods is a new gang
- Bloods is not new came from California
- Graffiti has dropped too

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- Mr. Carter asked to postpone till next year
- All agreed

Task Force Member Report:

Mr. Varady HEC:

- Continuing T& D toward no drug curriculum
- Speak with SADD sponsor Mr. Dorato about building his program
- “Most of Us” campaign logo
- Come up with a logo for each school
- Most of Us Don’t
- Once known will do t-shirts
- Most of us don’t do drugs, alcohol
- Highlands county sheriff sponsors t-shirts
- Hardee Drug Free Task Force sponsors t-shirts
- School district to put pop ups on website
- Will be back to ask for help with shirts
- Provide DCHS Dorato with other schools SADD program
- Positive messages need to come from parents and peers

Mrs. Susan Cartwright SFCC:

1. Working on getting more students
2. Currently have 9
3. Afterschool program and some Saturday

Mrs. Dottie Yost:

- Safe and drug free schools programs have began
- 2nd & 4th grade WES & MES for 10 weeks
- 45 minutes out of the teacher's week
- 4th grade will begin after FCAT
- Red Ribbon week 21st thru 31st of October
- In the past Essay contest for high school and poster for middle

Request for Drug Free DeSoto to sponsor the following:

- Wal-Mart Cards
- 1st \$50.00 DCHS & DMS
- 2nd \$25.00 DCHS & DMS
- 3rd \$15.00 DCHS & DMS
- Request to open the option for high school students
- Community involvement: request that car dealerships move all red vehicles to the front of the lot
- Each school should have a banner they purchased
- Comment made to make both schools a poster contest
- Meet with all class officers for input
- Go with the logo “ Drug Free is the Key”
- Suggestion to have something preprinted
- Students could design t-shirt
- Book cover design with involvement from Art teachers
- Suggestion that size & required details should be determined
- The winners can be filmed and viewed through channel one
- SADD chapters will be given a video camera for use
- Bremer suggested promoting making your school drug free
- Sparking interest with incentive items such as all sports pass to
- Short time frame to make this happen

On a motion by Sharon Goodman, second by Susan Cartwright, unanimous affirmative vote, to inquire about sports pass, gift cards, and making it the student's idea.

Dottie Yost has some SADD t-shirts to share, Frisbees', and necklace holders

Mr. Fred Carter:

Mrs. Charlotte Carter is the President of the DeSoto County Mural Society. This Society is asking for and needing support from the entire community. Speaking to different groups around the community and you may access the website at the following address www.DeSotocountymuralsociety.com

This Society will focus on the three following items:

1. Historic Arcadia Rodeo

2. Other art forms
3. Education

Jenna Heleski said the winners could be posted on the DFD Face Book.

Mr. Fred Carter suggested that middle and high school students should be doing more film making and doing more skits. Mr. Varady said the high school students could perform for elementary students. Elementary students really look up to high school students. Highlands County utilizes high school students to perform skits for elementary level about "Most of us Don't".

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in the board chambers.

Adjourned 12:07