



Date: August 6, 2008

Subject: Drug Free DeSoto Task Force Meeting/11:00 AM

Location: Board Chambers

Present: Superintendent Cline, Dan Dubbert, Dottie Yost, Allyson Harms, Karen Pella, Jason Story, Fred Carter, Charlotte Carter

AGENDA ITEMS

Superintendent Cline thanked everyone for coming indicating that attendance was light due to other commitments.

Committee Reports

Do The Right Thing

Mia Butler, DECC student, will be recognized at the Chamber Early Bird breakfast Thursday, August 7, 2008. Mia has accumulated over 114 hours volunteer time and will be recognized for her outstanding contribution to society.

Summer Movie Report

The summer movie venture proved to be a success. 369 students attended consisting of mostly elementary with some middle and high school students also participating. Drug Free DeSoto will plan to offer this again next summer.

School Health and Safety Fair

Allyson Harms indicated that the fair was a huge success with over 826 visitors. Many services were offered and a lot of literature was distributed. Parent feedback was extremely positive. Due to parking availability, the event will most likely be held at DeSoto County High School next year. Acknowledgement was given to school board employee, Harlan Long, a custodian at DMS, for his valuable assistance before, during and after the event.

Task Force Members' Reports

Dottie Yost reported that the Health Occupation Students of America, consisting of four students, placed first in the nation at the annual competition this summer. Our district also had one student who participated in the Nursing Assistant category, placing eighth in the nation. Congratulations to these students.

Mrs. Yost indicated that the district has approximately 300 homeless students reported at this time. Backpacks have been already distributed to many of these students.

With obesity being an issue all over the state, Mrs. Yost is working on a new project for next year in reference to obesity in children. Mrs. Harms volunteered her assistance in implementing a program stating that she has some great ideas to share from other counties.

Mrs. Harms reported that the Health Department is sponsoring an upcoming dental fair. Any adult requiring dental services should attend. Mrs. Harms also stated that the health department has sponsored two "tobacco free" billboards in DeSoto County.

Superintendent Cline thanked the health department for their donation of a Drug Free DeSoto vinyl sign which has already been used at many events to promote Drug Free DeSoto.

Mr. Carter suggested coordinating a bike-a-thon as another possible fundraiser. Members were in agreement and thought November might be a good month to hold the event. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Mrs. Carter shared an email she had received from her daughter entitled *The Eleven Rules of Life*.

A decision was made to purchase stickers for both faculty and students in recognition of Red Ribbon Week. Price indicated is \$10.00 for 200 stickers. Drug Free DeSoto will pay for 6000 stickers for a total cost of \$300.00.

Next Meeting Date

The next Drug Free DeSoto meeting will be held Wednesday, September 3, 2007, at 11:00 AM in the board chambers.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.