

Mahanoy Area Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2009

Attendees: Kate Orsulak, Kieran Cray, Mary Lou Henninger, Jeff Donnelly, Bridget Pollack, Anthony Crimaldi, Paul Peca, Micky Holland, Dave Holmes, Heather Berresford, Sharon Chiao, James Stevens, Brandy M. Paul, Andrea Caulfield, Trinna Delia, Lisa Broomell, Jenny Wagner, Pam Tomko, and Susan Farnsworth

Introductions: remarks by Anthony Crimaldi included a reminder about Monday July 13, 2009, 6:00pm meeting with the parents regarding the new proposed drug testing policy. Coalition members were encouraged to attend that evening as well to give further details on the committees and their operations and to assist with parent questions.

General Business: Kate Orsulak handed out tentative agendas for the Monday parent meeting and members discussed. Also, Sharon Chiao was present and accepted the position as Co-Chairperson. The Mission statement was adopted as the majority selected the one chosen.

Committee Reports:

Parent Outreach Committee

Committee Leader: Andrea Caulfield

Members Present: Kate Orsulak, Brandy Paul, Trinna Delia, and Heather Berresford, Andrea Caulfield

- The committee continues to work on a parent night focusing on D&A prevention on Sept. 16th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. We would like to advertise by phone, Service Electric and flyers. We would like to have informational tables outside of the auditorium with Coalition Brochures available. We would like to offer prizes to increase attendance. TV prices were checked.
- Kate invited the newspaper but received no response. She did invite to the next Coalition Meeting for August 5th, John Usalis reported that he will be at the next meeting.
- Brandy completed a rough draft of the brochure regarding the coalition and our work and our committee as well as the whole worked on changes. Statistics will be added.
- Brandy will draft a letter asking for donations from local businesses.
- Would like to possibly have a reminder about the September parent night provided to the attendees at the July 13th informational meeting.
- Trinna will be contacting L.J. to work on having info re: the coalition placed on the Mahanoy School District website.
- Also looking into "Heads-Up Program" ; a Philadelphia Police Dept. prevention program

Community Outreach Committee

Committee Leaders: Colleen Rhoades/Micky Holland

Members Present: Jeff Donnelly, Micky Holland, Anthony Crimaldi, Sharon Chiao, James Stevens, Dave Holmes, Susan Farnsworth, and Pam Tomko

- Working to improve playgrounds
- Working to form a committee to check playgrounds like a community watch program: Would like to hand pick the people that would watch the playgrounds, later add some community youth to be involved as well.
- Borough working on placing recently received no-smoking signs
- Considering a tip-line to anonymously report any illegal activity, again discussed the possible uses for this as well.
- Talking to Judge Kilker regarding the community service program where offenders may be used to clean up vandalism etc. at community parks

Drug/ Student Prevention Committee

Committee Leader: Lisa Broomell

Members Present: Kieran Cray, Marylou Henninger, Bridget Pollack, Paul Peca, Lisa Broomell & Jenny Wagner

July 13th Monday 6:00pm. Parents invited to the school to obtain information regarding the proposed Drug and Alcohol Policy. All members encouraged to attend.

- **Email sent to Paul B. for phone message (connect ed)-will go out 6/9/09**
- **Info was put on roll around**

Dress Code was put on the MA Bears website

1. List of activities that will be subject to drug testing was introduced and worked on during this meeting. Bridget will send the list that was compiled by email
2. List should be mailed home, as well as, put on email
 - a. Involved in any of the following.(language)
3. Designate person(tracking) for each building
MS: Heater/Dudash HS: Pollack
4. Technology dept. needs to create a data base.
5. Search for grant money

**Next meeting date: Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 10:00am in the High School LGI Room
A treat will be served but please bring your own beverage.**