

Downingtown Area – Communities That Care

Prevention Partners Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 12:30-1:30 pm – DASD Central Office

Attendees: Libby Egnaczyk (Community Mobilizer), Cynthia Black (CTC BOA/President), Stephanie Winegar (CTC BOA/Secretary and parent), Anne Callis (Strengthening Families), Carl Gregory (CTC BOA), Sienna McKinley (Wellness Champions), Carol Ivone (CCIU-CYF), Karen Koza (CCIU-JPO), Gerry Gonzalez (Child Guidance Resource Center), Casey Jones (Transformation Initiative), Tina Forsythe (DASD), Paul Hurley (DEHS Principal), Carmen Glenn (Safe Homes Coordinator), Celeste Alfieri (A Child's Place), Pattie Lebresco (Lionville YMCA), Kathy Collier (CC Drug & Alcohol), Kim Stone (Health Department), Stephanie Laurine (Safe Homes Rep), Chris Benzing (CTC BOA and Marsh Creek Church), Jaime Mehler (DASD School Board)

Welcome & Introductions:

Great turnout today. Nice to see so many familiar faces and a few new ones. Thank you for caring about our youth.

Approval of September 2015 Minutes:

Cynthia made motion to approve and Kim seconded. The motion to approve September's minutes passed unanimously.

Community Announcements:

- Ann shared that there are 14 families in the current Strengthening Families Program at Marsh Creek and 20 are already on the list for the Winter 2016 session. There may be enough interest to have a session at Marsh Creek and in the borough.
- Libby informed the group that Downingtown's Mayor has invited the current 7th graders who worked on the Marsh Creek Media Literacy Program to participate in the Downingtown Christmas Parade. They will carry the banner and wave their rally towels.
- Casey spoke about the Fathers Matter program.
- Gerry said the event at Pottstown Fellowship Farm last week for autism was very successful with almost 1,500 attendees.
- Tina reported that November the PAYS survey will be taken by all 6, 8, 10 and 12th grade students next month. The results should be in by May 2016. Wellness Woodstock planning meeting will be October 27, 6 p.m. at STEM. This is open to anyone even if you're outside the district.

- Carmen said the first Safe Homes parent discussion was held October 13 at Marsh Creek and was a huge success. Over 100 parents attended to hear about Good Stress/Bad Stress for our younger students. A similar discussion geared for parents of high school students will be held November 10th - 700 pm at DASD Central Office.
- Kim mentioned they held an overdose symposium and they're looking into a program to help school nurses with the prevention aspect also.

Board of Advisors Update

- Cynthia informed the group that there are now nine board members, seven voting and two non-voting. Cynthia is the only remaining voting board member left from last years board. The new members are reviewing the mission and vision statements to help market DCTC.
- The board will take over fundraising efforts for DCTC allowing the Coalition to focus on Youth and Community Engagement.
- The board is exploring applying for 501C3 status.

Workgroup

- The group divided into Youth Engagement and Community Engagement Workgroups.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, November 17, 2015 12:30-1:30 DASD Central Office. Evite to follow

Thank you for attending!