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Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre

**Avera St. Mary's Hospital
5th floor conference room, Pierre, SD**

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2014

Opening

The regular meeting of the Parents Matter Coalition of Pierre/Ft. Pierre was called to order at 12:00 on September 10, 2014 in Pierre, SD by Elton Blemaster.

Present

Denice Moore, Jeff Monroe, Kari Degreff, Ruby Douglas, Carmella Bourke, Michelle Bowman, Elton Blemaster, Kelly Glodt, Barb Rohrbach

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved. Motion to accept was made by Jeff and Kari seconded.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

New Business

Ruby introduced the "KnowBullying" Campaign/App. This is a new mobile app sponsored through SAMSHSA. It can be downloaded from your PLAY STORE for free and installed on your smart phone or android. The KnowBullying app includes: Conversation Starters: Start a meaningful discussion with your child. Tips: Learn ways to prevent bullying. Warning Signs: Know if your child is affected by bullying. Reminders: Find the right time to connect with your child. Social Media: Share tactics and useful advice.

Ruby distributed the above information to many different organizations. Dr. Glodt sent this to all building principals. A roundtable conversation on bullying was discussed. Each grade level bullying is addressed differently. At the elementary ages there is the biggest impact. But the common theme through all levels is that the kids have the biggest impact to fix it. Now with cyberbullying it makes it even more difficult to monitor. Elton shared many of the criminal activity is caught through facebook. The safety of the schools is at an all time high. It is very important to have buzzers to enter the schools,

to have cameras and at all times to have adults/teachers visible to the students.

The Pride Survey that Ruby has been so instrumental in coordinating will not be given this year. There isn't the funding available. Unless of course a grant is written. This tool has helped the community decide where Parents Matter efforts should go. It allows the coalition to provide technical assistance to the schools.

SAMHSA Recognition/Certificate of Appreciation was given to Parents Matter Coalition.

Parents matter can apply to have a **Christmas tree** at the Capitol this year. If anyone is interested contact Ruby.

Elton provided the **August 2014 Arrest Report**. There were 10 DUI's, 20 Underage Consumption of Alcohol. This is 15-20 higher than last month. The youth are getting most of their alcohol at home. The school officials get the reports of the underages so they can share with the athletic director so if students need to serve their time out of sports this can be done.

The Pride Survey shows that 87% of the students are not using alcohol.

The University of Duluth in Minnesota gave between 18-20 partial suspensions to their football team due to underage consumption.

It was also discussed that there are two Resource officers in the school district. One at the Middle School and one at the High School. They build relationships with the kids and the teachers.

Ruby has distributed a **Family Day Toolkit** to the coalition members. This toolkit includes family activities and information on facts about substance abuse and conversation starters.

Other:

Celebrate South Dakota's **125th Anniversary in Pierre and Fort Pierre!**

The next Parents Matter meeting will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at noon.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2014 at Noon in the 5th Floor Conference Room, Avera St. Mary's Hospital.

Sector Member Representatives: *Cheryl Arguello, Captain Elton Blemaster, Carmella Bourk, Amy Fowler, Dr. Kelly Glodt, Andrea Klein-Knox, Michelle Bowman, Cindy Bahe, Diana Melvin, Barbara Rohrbach, Norma Tibbs and Cassidy Fosheim.*

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Rohrbach
Secretary