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Vernon Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council

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Meeting Minutes

Attending: Vicky Rispoli, Kim McTighe, Mel Hardy, Paula Plante, Hannah Davis, Ryan Obedzinski, Eric Baim, Christine Jardes, Nicky Bieniarz, Valerie Woodruff, Nathalie Cuevas, Melissa Kauassi and Alan Slobodien

Item #1: Introductions

New student representatives and current Council members introduced themselves.

Item #2: Stop Grant

Ryan explained the federal Stop grant that the Council can utilize to develop student leaders and a leadership team that will promote the Council's work. At this point, Alan asked the new student representatives to share their motivations for joining the Council. Responses included: friends have used substances with negative consequences, parents have instilled values of no use as minor, substance use seen as a waste and the reputation of RHS and the community is one of partying.

Item #3: DFC Spending Plan

Kim shared how the \$3,600 Drug Free Communities funds were spent to assist build the capacity and branding of the Council. The question arose regarding the purchase of a banner. A majority present favored purchasing a banner and youth representatives requested that long sleeve t-shirts be purchased with 08-09 DFC funds.

Item #4: Council Goals

Kim led a discussion about Council goals and membership. It was suggested that a RHS teacher be recruited, more parents be recruited and a business representative be recruited to serve on the Council. Youth reps suggested hosting another Mock Car Crash and impact speaker and that in-school discussions on substance use and diversity be held. Regarding the Council structure it was suggested that: students from other towns be invited to join a Council meeting and share what their Council does and how it operates.

The meeting adjourned following Item #4 discussion. Next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th, 2:30pm @ RHS Library.