

KPBSD
Drug Task Force Meeting

Date/Time: Monday, June 7, 2010, 9AM – 1:30 pm

Members:	Penny Vadla – Present	Amanda McDowell – Present
	Tim Daugherty – Present	Terry Martin – Present
	Ginny Espenshade – Present	Jesse Bjorkman – Present
	Alan Fields – Present	Sean Dusek – Present
	Al Howard – Present	Ron Long - Absent

Welcome

Introductions

New Research/Information

Once around items:

- What's the message: Is it prevention? Is it education? Is it treatment?
- "Message sent to kids is the most important."
- Taking away a protective factor?
- Bar association was concerned with violations of rights.
- Removal of participation may push kids into heavy use category
- Bring in anecdotal evidence from outside groups for a compelling reason to pursue testing
- Suggest Board conduct community meetings
- State constitution with right to privacy piece
- Anchorage Police and Firefighters vs Municipality of Anchorage case in 2001 with random drug testing component
- Suggest Board worksession with district attorney.
- Have we seen a substantial increase in injuries from sports in last few years? No data from this.
- Juneau drug testing appears to take substantial administrator time, especially during the winter
- Ketchikan believes in impact at various levels of the District
- Feels like we may be isolating a group of citizens saying they are drug users
- Problems are not isolated to athletes.
- Do not want to treat athletes as second class citizens
- We want drug-free school and drug-free community.
- Ketchikan law enforcement noticed a boost in sales to mask urinalysis.
- Coaches may put a lot of pressure to do testing
- Comprehensive and rigorous drug and alcohol program needed
- Drug testing for only athletes less attractive than some type of program for all.
- Already have programs in place to deter student athlete use.

Pros and Cons

- What do we know
 - Current Ed/Prevention is inadequate
 - "Hard" data does not show we have a problem.
 - "Soft" data stories
- Message we want drug-free schools and communities.

Pro	Con
Provides an out	Privacy/Civil Rights
Studies show reduction in use	Presumed guilty/innocence
Teeth to policy	Addresses symptoms, not cause
Adds to enforcement - Perception of tough stance	Perception of athlete/cocurricular - wider than cocurricular
Consistency of enforcement across the District	Removing a protective factor
Caught – get help	Cheating of system
	Inaccuracy of test
	Lack of “hard” data
	Short window of test results

- What we considered
 - What would we test for
 - Number of students involved
 - Alcohol?
 - Definition of co-curricular
 - Legalities
 - Lack of quantitative data
 - Mechanics
 - Unintended consequences
 - Purpose catch vs. help
 - ASAA/KPSAA adequacy
 - Do we need another deterrent or better education?
 - Random urinalysis after being caught.
- Implementation issues
 - False positives
 - Mechanical issues
 - Perception of quality
 - Kids “labeled” in small community
- Discussion of possible recommendations to Board.
 - Yes, if... No, but...
 - Legality
 - Hard data shows reduction
- If we say “no”, why not have an alternative?
- We must strengthen and enhance our current program
- Discussion regarding what to propose to the Board
 - Meeting with attorneys to discuss feasibility.
 - Community forums
 - Develop prevention/education and intervention program
 - Sean will develop recommendation paper for Task Force review electronically
- Work session July 12: Task Force time with Board.