

**Minutes 2-3-09
Garland Youth Council**

Called to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from January 5, 2009 Meeting

2. DCCCD Education & Training Opportunities

Representatives from the Dallas County Community College District will provide an overview of higher education and career training opportunities offered by the DCCCD, as well as some information related to obtaining financial aid.

3. TDS Event Plans

Discuss details for TDS Day event at Firewheel Town Center on March 7, 2009. Representatives from various GISD high schools expected to participate in discussion. Booth Assignments are as follows:

Alcohol/Drug Use – *Sachse High School* – Garland Police will provide Drunk Goggles and help students conduct “field sobriety tests” to illustrate the hazards of driving under the influence.

Tricycle Texting Races – *Naaman Forest High School* – We’ll set up a small course on the parking lot and have participants race through it while texting on their cell phones. NFHS team will check to see if they can borrow 2 or 4 tricycles and helmets. I will also check around to see if any businesses will loan these. Let’s be sure to advise each other if we acquire these items!

Speeding – *North Garland High School* – NGHS will setup hurdles to illustrate the stopping distance required for various speeds

Night Driving – *Lakeview High School* – LCHS will create a walking obstacle course and acquire some type of eye shakes to inhibit visibility to illustrate this hazard. LCHS team members might also dress in pajamas to illustrate the issue of fatigue.

Seatbelts – *Garland High School* – GHS will create a seatbelt pledge and have participants sign it. We will also coordinate with Garland Police to show videos at this booth to illustrate the what happens when people do not wear seatbelts.

The Results of Not Acting on these Safety Messages – *Rowlett High School* – This booth will illustrate the trauma that results from accidents with body outlines on the ground and crime scene tape. We are also efforting displays and handouts from Baylor Hospital and the Garland Fire Department to help with this booth. I’ll keep you posted on that.

South Garland High School is checking on whether they have a date conflict so they didn’t want to commit to a booth... but we will have PLENTY of manpower needs! And we still have other booth ideas to be fleshed out! So you all keep in touch with me!

Everyone – All teams should feel free to handout any materials you have already been using at your schools. Please prepare posters/messages to illustrate your points. There are many great resources for these at www.t-drivers.com. The Youth Council will have informational handouts that cover all these topics which will “lead” participants to each of the booths. Each booth will be given a stamp to mark when a participant has come to your booth. We’ll have some type of prize for everyone who turns in a completed worksheet to the Youth Council Booth.

4. Committee Reports

- a. **Ordinance Committee** – Ordinance passed. Bylaws to be approved at next meeting.
- b. **TDS/Projects Committee** – see above
- c. **Promotions Committee** – last committee meeting was cancelled due to icy weather. Discussed plans to schedule high school information tables and recruit new applicants.

5. Texas Youth Summit

Celeste, Christa, Adrienne, Brianda, Katie and Valencia confirmed they will participate.

6. Citizen Comments

none

7. Future Agenda Items

- a. March – Safe Driving information

8. Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.