

Education Committee Meeting Minutes
Focus: Character Conference 2009
8-13-08 at the Comfort Zone in Hamburg

We were 9 strong in attendance with plenty of good ideas flowing. Thank you too al who attended!!!

Timeline of conference:

- Saturday 3-14-09 – Character Carnival at the Hub (location is being secured as I write this).
- Tuesday and Wednesday 3-17 and 3-18 – police dynamics with Sheriff Ray Nash
- Thursday 3-19 – Steve Menzel – focus on business and government community, which still applies to education and law enforcement
- Friday 3-20 – Michelle Borba – educational focus

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! Feel free to let me know if you are interested in the planning stages through the conference itself, or any part thereof. I will get you in contact with the right person.

- The next meeting of the planning committee (big picture) is September 15th, 10am at Suzanne McKenney's home. You are welcome to attend this too!
- The next education committee meeting is September 25th, 9am at Frontier Middle School. We will be asking for volunteers for the carnival and Dr. Borba portions of the conference in particular, among our usual character education sharing and agenda.

Discussion of planning stages:

CARNIVAL

- 10am-3pm at the Hub
- Suggested donation for admission
- Arts festival and character fair
- Family friendly
- Each school can have a workshop/booth focusing on one virtue from the 08-09 calendar of virtues
- Clowns, balloons
- A few draws for the event – Glen Colton? Helicopter in? Local author? Sports figures? DARE program?
- Community mural
- T-shirts to identify volunteers and possibly to sell
- Raffle

4 DAY CONFERENCE

- At Hilbert College's Swan Auditorium (holds about 400 people)
- Can have up to 325 people each day based on limit with food service (this is much larger than 1st promised- great thing!)

- Food – during registration- bagels, coffee, etc/ deli buffet for lunch/ cheese, crackers, etc for breaks
- Cost –\$100 per speaker; 2nd speaker discount; group rate

MARKETING IN OUR SCHOOLS

- Have a ½ sheet of paper ready for the opening day of school for faculty and staff and have it on your school's meeting agenda. Suzanne will see if this can be ready for September 2nd.
- The carnival is a Saturday and is open to the entire community
- The Dr. Borba portion is on an in service day for Erie 1 schools

Did I mention we need volunteers??? ☺

Sincerely,
Jill Monaco
Immaculata Academy
Assistant Principal
Character Council Education Committee Chair

FYI -

Meeting dates and places for 2008-2009 Character Council Education Committee – Start time remains 9:00 am –

- THURSDAY, 09/25 – Frontier Middle
- THURSDAY, 11/13 – Immaculata Academy
- THURSDAY, 01/22/09 – Saints Peter and Paul
- THURSDAY, 03/12 – Pinehurst Elementary
- THURSDAY, 05/14 – Hamburg High

See you at our next meeting on September 25 at Frontier Middle at 9am.