

CCOH Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
1-24-08  
Charlotte Avenue Elementary

In attendance:

Jane Ogilvie, Erie 1 BOCES  
Laura Ruszczuk, Charlotte Avenue  
Patti Durni, Cloverbank  
Bruce Mitchell, Armor Elementary  
Russell Zarickny, Armor Elementary Intern  
Jennifer Giallella, Union Pleasant  
Laura Glista, Pinehurst  
M. Kerry Courtney, Frontier Middle  
Kim Barry, Frontier Middle  
Jennifer Betz, Frontier Middle  
Jill Monaco, Immaculata Academy  
Heather Drum, Boston Valley Intern  
Anne Gilhooly, Boston Valley  
Peter Simon, Board of Directors  
Angela Stauffer, Hopevale  
Lauren Helper, Hopevale  
Kathy Battin, Hamburg High  
Michael Shea, Cloverbank  
Michelle Delmonte, EduKids Early Childhood Center

Jane Ogilvie from Erie 1 BOCES joined us to discuss having our Character Development Day through Erie 1. Our ideas are consistent with what Erie 1 wants to do, so they are willing to explore the options.

- Kerry Courtney will firm up dates for the conference at Hilbert, and contact Michele Borba (speaker for conference) to confirm cost, availability, etc.
- Sharon Cumeford from Erie 1 will be at our next meeting to firm up plans and move forward with the conference.

Pete Simon – Board update.

- They are up to 9 members
- Steve Menzel will be in town Feb. 27-28. His schedule is filling up. If you would like to have him speak at your school please contact Suzanne 646-5569 or Pete 649-8940.
- On the evening of Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Menzel will be speaking from 6:30-9:30 to Character Council members. There are 2 seats available for Education committee members, and the Board will pay for you to attend. Please contact Pete or Suzanne if you are interested.

Patti Durni, Hamburg Sun school project update

- Successful so far! ☺
- Please respond to Patti when she emails you so she knows you are on board with your school's essay. [pdurni@frontier.wnyric.org](mailto:pdurni@frontier.wnyric.org) Her address at school is: Cloverbank Elementary School. 2761 Cloverbank Road. Hamburg NY 14075.
- A schedule of when schools are asked to submit essays was distributed again. It is also in last month's minutes.
- Essay length should be no more than 250 words.

Handouts:

- Character Education Parts I and II – Niagara/Orleans BOCES
- 40 Days of Peace – Service for Peace
- CCOH virtues for 2008-2009 school year

Character sharing:

Holiday drives – food, clothing, adopting families; Hamburg Schools – Don Brocius Fund – helped families in need throughout the year with monthly bills, instrument rental, home lock changes, etc.; 40 days of Peace; Falcon Pride week, letters sent to day care centers to be involved (EduKids came!! ☺); Pennies for Patients - Leukemia/Lymphoma; Clothes Closet for needy families; HHS – PowerPoint on website about their Character Club; Pinehurst Foodbank for Kids Helping Kids all year long, not just the holidays; showing Character First! Video to faculty; Festival of Arts – if you are not involved, call Laura at Pinehurst Elementary; assemblies; EduKids uses the 6 Pillars of Character, they do role playing, read books and have formal lessons about character and also volunteer at the Friends of the Night. Hopevale has a Circle of Courage – independence, belonging, generosity, etc.  
GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!

Our next meeting is March 13, 2008, 9am at Sts. Peter and Paul school in Hamburg.  
See you then!