

CCOH Education Committee Minutes
3-13-08
Saints Peter and Paul School

Thank you Pat Chlebowski for hosting us!

Sharon Comerford from Erie 1 BOCES came to further explore our options for our Character Development Day. The options are to commit with BOCES to Dr. Borba or we go alone as CCOH and seek a grant or similar.

Dr. Borba will be coming March 20, 2009, when Hilbert can host us during their spring break. To read more about the speaker go to www.micheleborba.com

Board of Director's update – Pete Simon –

- Steve Menzel visit was successful throughout the community: Board conference, Tim Howard and Chris Collins, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Immaculata Academy, and more.
- Strategic Planning is in process.
- Budgeting is being planned
- Character Counts week is the week of October 15, 2008. Please plan a dress down day to raise funds for CCOH.

Virtues Discussion – Suzanne McKenney –

- Thanked our efforts for being the most active and reaching so many families
- Virtues – go further that education and into businesses, government, etc.
- She would like us to think about using the monthly virtues instead of every other month. Please let Jill know at the May meeting if you would like to do that so it can be arranged.
- The posters will have more content on them: “I will” statements and a story. Samples were passed around.
- Poster distribution will be all at once in the beginning of the school year instead of sporadically throughout the year
- Definition input – we will be using the Character First definitions instead of what you have on previous lists (a list was handed out)
- The Board will be seeking grant money for supplemental materials for our schools: a book and a binder of materials were passed around as examples.

School project updates – Patti Durni –

- It is going very well. The Sun is making every effort to give us the space for this project.
- A suggestion to give a certificate from the Board for entries into The Sun was made.

Handouts: The 4th and 5th R's winter bulletin
 Registration form for Cortland Character Workshop
 Character Recognition Worksheet

2008-2009 virtues
Character First definitions

Virtue review for 2007-08

Mar. /Apr. - Compassion

May/Jun. – Joyfulness

Virtues chosen for 2008-2009

- **September/October – Truthfulness**
- **November/December – Generosity**
- **January/February – Forgiveness**
- **March/April – Sincerity**
- **May/June – Honor**
- **July/August (for buildings hosting summer school) - Faith**

New Chairperson for 2008-2009 – Jill would like to offer this opportunity to someone else if they would like to take it over.

Character sharing – There are so many great things going on!!!

Fundraisers for the SPCA, Make A Wish, and families dealing with tragic events, assemblies on preventing violence and cyber safety, pride week, compassion tree, postcard home for students exhibiting good character, community service, focusing students on presenting self positively in the community, etc, etc, etc....

Keep up the great work everybody!

Next Meeting – 5-15-08 at Cloverbank Elementary – 9am

Happy Easter to you and your family!