

Education Committee Minutes
5-15-08
Cloverbank Elementary

In attendance: Jill Monaco, Laura Glista, Pat Chlebowski, Pete Simon, Mike Shea, Patti Durni, Anne Gilhooly, Kathy Battin, Jennifer Betz, Kim Barry

Thank you Patti for hosting us!!

Erie 1 BOCES is unable to host our character development day because of the cost

- We will move forward on our own
- CCOH has secured a \$5,000 grant toward this conference from Senator Stachowski's office
- There is a meeting with Hilbert on May 30th to work out details of them co-hosting with us
- We will be emailing you this summer as more details emerge
- Fundraising possibilities were discussed: "cents for character" change drive
- Character Fair at Pinehurst can be done in conjunction with this day

Board of Directors update – Peter Simon

- Strategic plan with timelines has been developed
- Ambassadors group is forming
- Board interviews for new members are happening
- Finding ways to increase committee involvement

Strategic Plan discussion

- Changes to committee names
- Feedback was all positive
- Any further comments should be emailed to Pete psimon025@aol.com or Suzanne mcstrength@aol.com as soon as possible.

No schools at this meeting opted to have character posters monthly. Please email Suzanne if your school would like this option.

Dress down day (or wear a hat day, etc.) for National Character week will be on 10-17-08. Please put this on your school calendar. All proceeds help the Character Council of Hamburg.

School project with Hamburg Sun update

- The ***deadline for all summer articles is June 15th***.
- Please email Patti pdurni@frontier.wnyric.org or mail articles to her at Cloverbank Elementary 2761 Cloverbank Road Hamburg 14075.
- It was decided after discussion that students can do a poem or an acronym acrostic poem instead of a full article if that is their preference of expression.

- Since the Sun has been behind on publishing articles, please look for your school's article and then let you students know to buy it so they don't have to keep buying the paper and get disappointed. Does your school subscribe to the Sun??? This could be a good way to keep an eye out for the articles.

Meeting dates and places for 2008-2009 - Start time remains the same at 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

Chairperson remains the same for 08-09 – Jill Monaco

Character sharing: Pinehurst Post donations benefitting change for New Orleans; Star Connection – one Friday a month meetings for adults and students to connect; June 10th at Pinehurst – Curriculum Celebration for arts/music/character; field days; “Go Green” environmental changes on campuses; Falcon Pride week at Frontier middle – t-shirts with character slogans, theme days, assembly, video, etc; Rachel’s Challenge – Oct 16th at Frontier Middle; peer mentoring between HHS and Armor Elem; HHS working with Boston Valley 5th graders; flower display regarding joyfulness theme; Internet dangers and safety presentation at Immaculata was impressive and well received by students and faculty – Katie Koester of Campus Outreach Services – AskKatie@aol.com or www.campusoutreachservices.com ; scholarships given out for being a person of good character; 100% faculty and staff participation for mentoring all students at Immaculata – in it’s 5th year; detentions used as a reflective opportunity to build character; Saints Peter and Paul donating to Appalachia, Harvest House; student of the month based on character and also random character recognitions at Sts P & P; Project wisdom; compassion tree by parents – how they have caught their child being compassionate; People Inc assembly – Kids on the Block – life size puppets with disabilities to help students better understand the challenges they face; channel 17 programming – educating parents about computer safety and dangers

Please come to our summer meeting

- Wednesday, August 13th at 9am for coffee and breakfast at the Comfort Zone on Main Street in Hamburg
- We will tighten up our Character Development Day among other things.

Enjoy your summer!!