

Character Counts! Coalition Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2008

Present: Duane Ellis, Vera Wiltse, Kim Voisin

I. Review of June 3, 2008 meeting minutes
Minutes were accepted as presented

II. Additions to the agenda
None

III. Discuss PEAK and CC! training

Kathy and Caroline, with the help of four CMU students, led the PEAK training during June. The PEAK leadership staff was trained in CC! principles using six activity stations that demonstrated the six pillars of character. Vera agreed to contact Nate Lockwood to see if he could provide information on how the PEAK staff used the training that they received and if he had any suggestions for changes in the CC! training.

Kim indicated that the CMU students suggested that for the next training it might be helpful to group the PEAK staff by building site as they go through the stations. Since the staff works together at each site, if they received the training together, additional ideas and methods might be developed among the PEAK team.

IV. CC! Website Status report from Vera.

Vera reported that the Coalition received a \$100 mini-grant that was used toward funding the awards for the essay contest. Vera also expects to receive a 4H mini-grant for \$150 plus the additional cost for the Coalition's share of the presentation cost for Primary Focus at Beal City Elementary School this fall.

V. Discuss implementation of the 2008 goals

The group decided to cash in the existing \$3,000 CD to fund current expenses. The remaining \$1,500 will be placed in a new CD.

VI. Miscellaneous

The suggestion was made to hold a brainstorming session to develop the 2009 goals when the newly trained Coalition members are present.

A volunteer is needed to write a guest editorial on Character Counts! in the schools as part of CC! Week in October. If you would like to volunteer to write this editorial for the Morning Sun, please let me know! CC! Week is October 19-25th.

The next meeting of the Coalition will be held on September 2 at 4:00 PM at the 4H offices.