PACE Team Meeting

NW Regional Culture of Character Project
Steering Committee Agenda
Feb 26, 2007 (1 PM) McKemy

**NW MO Regional Culture of Character Project Goals:**
- To create a culture at school, in the work place, in the community, and in the home where character building is the norm and not the exception.
- To purposely create a diversified learning-space for conversations to take place between student, teacher, child, parent, employer, and employee.

1:00 – Welcome - Introductions – Energizer
  - Celebrations were shared with all a few mentioned were: Tarkio had a mock trial and “students of character” bags; NEN had a character assembly at the courthouse with Judge Prokes, who talked to the students about honesty; Holt Co attended the county wide DARE graduation at the Hangar; and Atchison had a county wide DARE – between sites and locations, with refreshments and invitations.

Stacy Cole – Heartland Foundation – emPower Plant visited with the group about what the program is and how others can join. Chris Turpin – Heartland Foundation – explained the service learning opportunities available. The emPower Plant is designed for middle schools students to help them become active responsible citizens. Training is available in a real community and in a safe environment, with additional service learning curriculum. The purpose is to get students involved and get youth to feel connected to their communities. The emPower Plant will have new facilities soon (@ $15 per student).

**Follow-up to the previous meeting (Quarterly Planning Meeting)**
- The group would like to make January an annual Team planning day.
- Also keep the PACE partner meeting in the fall to honor partners via nominations by school districts

March 2 will be the first Character T-shirt day, please encourage your PACE partners to wear their shirts the first Friday of each month.

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**Desired Outcomes - Format - Plan -**

**Work Force Development Proposal**

- Two $500 Teacher Scholarships……………………………………..$1,000
- Character story documentation…………………………………….$ 1,000
- Matching grants for twenty school districts at $300 each............$ 6,000
- Promotional material development………………………………….$ 2,000

Total Request............$10,000

- Detail:
  - Two $500 matched scholarships for regional teachers to attend the 2007 Character Education National Conference in St. Louis.
  - Northwest Missouri Public Radio Station KXCV/KRNW will develop a regional marketing programming of recording, documenting and disseminating stories by student and employee personal experiences involving the Twelve Character Traits. $1,000
  - School districts will provide a matching grant of $300 for innovation and support of their district’s Character Education program. Twenty school districts X $300 = $6,000.
  - Promotional material development for the region (eighteen counties) by the NWRPDC $2,000
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**Marketing**
- “Collection of Stories” collecting stories, audio/video taping stories, posting/broadcasting stories on radio/web
  
  *Suggestions on format to do this.*

  - Calendar – using students in the pictures involved in PACE activities.

  (Suggestions from previous meeting.)
  - ✓ We could make it so the calendar was removed and 12 pictures were depicted at all times one for each month.
  - ✓ Or we could make it an 18 month calendar (so no school was left out).
  - ✓ We may want to encourage advertisers (insurance companies, banks…) to put their logo on the calendar to off-set the price.

**Partnership Packet** – [www.nwpace.org](http://www.nwpace.org)
The RPDC prints off a partner packet for anyone who sends in a completed brochure or enrolls on line. Each school is asked to print out and distribute any packets to partners who sign up locally. Keep track of the partners (attached excel document) and email or bring to meetings to include partners on PACE list. Contents can be printed off of the web page [www.nwpace.org](http://www.nwpace.org)

**Possibility Thinking:**
- September training (next school year)
  - Gasser (Love and Logic) September 18 or 19
- February 27, 2008 – (Part of Beyond Mentoring series for new teachers) Offer Hal Urban for new districts and open it up to current districts who may not have attended last year or if they want to send new teachers

**Next Steering Comm. Meeting –**
- March 26 1 PM *Qtr. Partner/Team Meeting 1:00*
- April 23 9 AM
- June 18 1:00 p.m. (note date change and time)
  - July 23 9AM- Qtr. Partner/Team Meeting & Celebration Breakfast???

**Vision Statement**
The Northwest Missouri, as a unified region, will be actively engaged in demonstrating character excellence. It will be evident in the culture of our schools, businesses, families, and communities that achieving this way of life is our priority.

**Finalized Definitions**
- August – Responsibility (taking ownership of what you say and do)
- September – Respect (treating others with courtesy and honor)
- October – Self-control (having control over one’s actions, words, & emotions)
- November – Citizenship (being loyal to your school, community, & country)
- December – Compassion (caring for others with kindness)
- January – Tolerance (acceptance of differences and the uniqueness of others and celebrating the common ground we share)
- February – Honesty (being truthful in what you say and do)
- March – Cooperation (working together toward a common goal)
- April – Perseverance (demonstrating determination and commitment to complete a task)
- May – Patience (ability to remain calm and to wait for what you want)
- June – Confidence (freedom from doubt and believing in yourself)
- July – Integrity (always doing the right thing even when no one else is watching)