

Summary of Peace Works Conference Planning Meeting February 2, 2009

We had a great meeting last night with over 25 people attending and several new ones plus old friends. A special welcome to Laura Birdsill from Adams 12, Melanie from Castrow Elementary, Ann and Darryl Meyer—Broomfield parents, Tim Harp from Adams 12, Sia Chandler from DPS and Ardie Stitt. Here are some notes from our meeting:

1. We discussed the presentation Dan Lomas from Ridgeview is going to do during a pre conference. We debated what to call it since we don't want to confuse it with typical de-escalation trainings. We kicked around a few ideas and settled on some kind of behavioral intervention topic. He is also going to do a one hour session on Ridgeview's highly-structured orientation system that is very effective in establishing the social norms essential for the success of the boys there.
2. Radio Disney is hosting the "All about Kids" event February 28 and March 1. We will have a booth at the Convention Center promoting the conference and social emotional learning. Our booth will feature games and activities that require the kids to answer questions in socially intelligent ways. We need volunteers in two hour blocks—Saturday we still need volunteers in the afternoon and on Sunday we need volunteers also in the afternoon. Please help us in this important event and you can bring your family, too—fun for everyone. Attached is the flyer.
3. Catherine Guerra has come up with a neat idea to have every booth at the conference represent one of the fifteen character traits. So she will be working on this for us.
4. We are having a work day on April 25 with community volunteers. Anyone who can help that day—it would be great. The event is at Sara's, 3663 Vestal Loop in Broomfield from 8 to 12. Let us know if you can be there!
5. We distributed a sponsor booklet for you to use when obtaining sponsors for the Center for Safe Schools and the Peace Works Conference. It is in a PowerPoint and we have it attached for you—if you need it in a cd form, Renee has made those and we can mail you one. WE need sponsors; it costs \$3,000 to bring Radio Disney in for the parents.

6. We discussed the conference brochure; we have lots of presenters and a waiting list. There will be a parent strand on Thursday for parents without kids and Friday they can bring the kids. In the morning, we will have family interactive sessions and in the afternoon Radio Disney will be there to do fun activities with the families around social emotional learning principles. Attached are the drafts; please take a look and give us your feedback. We are about to complete the brochures and flyers. **WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!!!!**
7. Please let school administrators know that the Finnish government and leaders will be at the conference to inform us about why they are the highest achieving country in the world.
8. So far we have sponsors from Denver Public Schools, Cherry Creek, Ridgeview Academy, Sheridan Schools, Zamporelli's, Black Swan Imaging, Interior Revisions, Pansy's Canine Corral, and Chi for Change.
9. We need volunteers to sit at tables at the conference in two hour blocks. Please let us know when you can do this—either June 11 or 12 or both. We also need carpoolers to help us take people around to the social events. We will go out to dinner Wednesday and Thursday. Friday we are trying to schedule a concert if someone is good. Saturday we take the train to Winter Park and Sunday we drive to the Royal Gorge to star at its wondrous beauty and take the gourmet train ride through the Gorge.
- 10 College credit will be available –one hour for the pre conference and one hour for the conference. We will monitor people this year again so they have to sign out at 3:00 on Friday.

This is going to be such a great conference and we appreciate your participation so much. Hopefully Denver will be a hub of social emotional learning in the future! Our next meeting is MARCH 10 AT LA LOMAS IN DENVER AT 4 O'CLOCK. THIS IS OFF OF ZUNI AND NORTH SPEER. BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU. Love and peace! Sara

P.S. Please check out my new blog at <http://drsarablog.com> Make a comment on it, PLEASE—I don't have any yet. I'd like to see if it works!
Thanks!