

School Accountability Committee—SAC
Chipeta Elementary School
October 1, 2019

Attendance:

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Jamie Wright
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A. Call to Order at 5:15 p.m.

B. Welcome

C. Minutes from September 10, 2019 approved.

D. Administration

District 11 Strategic Plan: Everyone in attendance took time to read the Strategic Plan and identify a word, a phrase and a sentence that stood out. Then, we took turns discussing.

Words, phrases and sentences identified and thoughts:

- Dare: Indicates a willingness to take chances to try new things and new strategies and even go out on a limb. Not sticking to “what we have always done.”
- Innovative: Exploring and trying new ways to teach and help students learn.
- Diversity: Recognizing that the population of District 11 is increasingly diverse and that we need to find ways to build community and teach all D11 students.
- Strategic Delimiters (The things the district will NOT do): Strategic Plans often do not explicitly state where things have wrong in the past and how the organization intends to avoid those problems in the future. It is encouraging to see an organization put the things they won’t do in writing.
- Human Experience: Education is a human experience, different for each individual.
- Achieve Personal Best: Allowing each student to focus on their own growth without necessarily comparing them to their peers. For example, the elimination of valedictorians.
- Dare to Empower: Encouraging to see leadership empowering teachers and students to try new things and take risks for the sake of improving learning.
- Guarantee and ecosystem of equitable practices to meet the unique needs of all: A bold statement to make a guarantee ensuring all students have their needs met.

- Apply them intentionally: Students will be able to apply the competencies they have been taught outside of the classroom. If students can apply what they learn, we know they have “got it.”

During the discussions around the creation of the strategic plan the word “student” was discussed a lot. It is important for all people to be lifelong students, not just the children in the classrooms, but the teachers and the administrations and the staff. Everyone should strive for life-long learning.

Question: How is this different from previous strategic plans?

Answer: District 11 previously had more of a business plan than a strategic plan. Before, as Chipeta tried new and innovative methods, some teachers felt like they were out on a limb and outside of what the District was okay with. With the new plan teachers are more confident in what Chipeta has been doing and teachers feel supported to take risks.

District 20 has contacted District 11 Superintendent Dr. Michael Thomas and asked how the Strategic Plan was created. They have used the same words but didn't have the plan to go with them.

World Cafes are coming up to allow the community to give more feedback on the District's direction. Action Plans may come out of the new round of World Cafes.

Update DIBELS Math: Chipeta has permission to pilot a program to use DIBELS Math for progress monitoring in math. The test is a short, timed test with two computation questions and one on conceptual understanding. Kids below benchmark will be progress monitored. The data will be used to be more intentional with Walk-to-Math small groups and small groups in-class. Looking at how we fill the gaps when students are not at or above benchmark. This process might help Chipeta work on increasing growth in Math on CMAS. The assessment allows us to look at the students' thought process and makes it easy to do error analysis and see exactly where students are making mistakes. Administered to grades 2-5.

APEX: Chipeta netted over \$37,000 this year which is \$9000 more than last year. The funds will pay for one field trip per grade level, technology (IPads are constantly scheduled so we will be ordering too more sets of 12 for check-out), EduCreations licenses for flipped math, more picnic tables, benches along parent pick-up for students to sit on while waiting for improved safety, small group book sets and books for the library, update the playground into include better wheelchair access. The microphones are no longer supported by current wireless so they will need to be replaced. Some of these items were not part of the original fundraising request so PTA will vote on them at the October 1st meeting.

Habits of Work (HOW) rubric: Developed by kindergarten team initially and now adapted to all grade levels. Teachers teach HOW to kids including defining the habits and then working with the kids to understand and then apply them.

On the Chipeta Website visitors go to “About Us” and click on “HOW” they have access to power points presentations about the habits and videos made by Chipeta students. This is to help parents use the same language at home as they do in school. The District gave permission for Chipeta to leave the citizenship section blank on the report card and issue the HOW report card instead to eliminate confusion.

E. Subcommittee Reports

PTA Liaison: PTA meeting at 6:30 on October 1. Voting on APEX funding. Sock Hop is on October 11th.

SAC Training: USIP has to be submitted much earlier than usual. Dr. Thomas will be at the next SAC meeting. Principals will be trained on new budget accountability and oversight and then SACs will be trained.

F. Miscellaneous

Vice Principal: Chipeta fell below 450 in projected enrollment so we lost our Part-time Vice Principal. It does not make sense to add a Vice Principal in November after evaluations are over. Also, that vice principal would not know the faculty and staff well enough to do thorough evaluations. Current enrollment is over 450 so we may or may not qualify for a Vice Principal later.

Parking: Drop-off and pick-up going smoothly this year. May revisit the topic later on.

Kid Power: January 16th and 21st. 25 slots. Advertising will start before Winter Break.

Question: Pass Card through PPLD: Allows students to use their D11 username and a password to access PPLD materials. More clarification about the program may be helpful.

Four school board seats are open this November.

Next SAC Meeting: November 5th.

Future Meetings: 1/14, 2/4, 3/3, 4/7