

School Accountability Committee – SAC
Chipeta Elementary School via WebEx
October 6, 2020

Attendees:

Sarah Scott
Amanda Obringer
Megan MacMillan
Jamie Wright
Steph Carlson
Tony Karr
Arin Holecek
Leigh Fanning
Jennifer Buckmiller
Danielle Snelson
Rachel McCormack
Brad McCormack
Alana Gregory
Stacy Miller

A. Welcome and Introductions

B. Administration

Holmes: Visit Holmes' website <https://www.d11.org/Page/13> Principal Tony Karr joined us today. Working to maintain a constant and consistent relationship with Chipeta (and all feeder schools) through SAC and the work we do to ensure we have a consistent feeder process from Chipeta to Holmes and on to Coronado.

- Holmes and Chipeta have applied for a grant for STEM enrichment.
 - Chipeta's STEM options in after school programs focus on grades 3 – 5
 - STEM instruction imbedded in all grades at Chipeta.
 - Holmes making sure those opportunities are not lost, especially in computer science.
 - Working to ensure parents are aware of those opportunities.
 - STEM is an example of how Chipeta and Holmes work together to help students learn critical thinking and taking ownership of their learning.
- Jennifer Buckmiller, a Holmes parent, joined us. She was concerned when her daughter left Chipeta and she was concerned about all the students leaving District 11 after elementary school to attend Eagleview middle school in Academy District 20.
 - She feels the principal is completely invested the community, students and staff and wants to see people be their best all the time.
 - He is making huge strides in improving the perception of Holmes.
 - She believes in District 11 students have the opportunity to meet a lot of other students from a lot of different backgrounds and that experience is essential for students' growth and development.

- If band students leave D11 they will have to start over in beginning band, but they can stay in the advanced band track at Holmes.

Q and A with Mr. Karr:

Q: Will there be an open house this year?

A: There are parent coffees one or twice a month either online or in-person as allowed at outdoor venues. These will be advertised to Chipeta parents. Family tours worked very well last year so they may do those instead of an open house night for incoming students as well as student shadowing days. However, with Covid-19 regulations it is unknown what those events will look like. A plan should be in place by November.

Q: Kids are very persuasive with their parents. Can we have a video with a voice over showing what school is like at Holmes?

A: He is looking at how to get that done.

Q: In the past WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) students or Honor Society students have come to Chipeta to talk to 5th graders (usually before the choice window opens in November).

A: May have to look at a WebEx option. Have to work with Chipeta's strict cohorts and keeping everyone safe.

Holmes SAC meetings are on the third Friday of the month from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Visit the link below for details on Holmes' SAC meetings.

<https://www.d11.org/Page/7208>

Colorado Springs School District 11 Ballot Issue 4a: The passage of 4a would all District 11 to retain all funding in excess of TABOR revenue limitations. This would allow the district to keep funding from the State of Colorado, grants, and funding without having to return funding that exceeds the TABOR revenue cap.

District 11 is one of few districts that have not de-TABORed.

Sources:

From District 11:

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/17dd77ad-877c-401d-8aac-e2cd36861fb4>

From Amanda:

<https://www.bellpolicy.org/2017/11/08/colorados-tabor/>

Updates on Chipeta's Return to Learn progress

Principal Scott is looking for feedback. Contact her by e-mail if you have feedback to share on classroom learning or drop-off/pick-up.

How it looks: Music classes are held in the bus lane, P.E. is on the black top, band is on the handball courts and lunch is in the bus lane.

- Each class is assigned to a circle with sit-spots marked. They get their lunch, sit down- remove their masks and eat. When they are done, they put their masks back on, and throw away their trash.
- Recess: Mountain Shadows Park playground, the park field, weed field, Chipeta playground equipment and lower field.
 - At all of those locations, except the Chipeta playground, there is a bucket of playground equipment.
 - Equipment is sprayed down with disinfectant (aqueous ozone).
 - Students do not necessarily go to the same location for all of their recesses since we do not want to encroach on the park all the time.
- Kids are happy to be back.
 - Working on making backpacks, especially for k-2, lighter
 - Also have to ensure if we have to suddenly go to remote learning, students have their materials with them.
 - Students are in traditional rows instead of pods.
 - It is harder now for students to collaborate and have authentic communication. Something Chipeta has worked hard to foster.
 - Students are not reading as well as they have in the past, so more intervention is being provided. Teachers are working very hard to provide kids what they need to mitigate the time lost due to COVID-19.

Questions and Suggestions and Feedback

Schoology: It is working very well for some families, others struggling. Teachers have only been using it since August. Lessons are driven through Schoology to ensure students have access in the event of quarantine. Sometimes the day does not go as planned so the teacher may have work that they did not get to for the day still up on Schoology or they may have moved on to the next day. Still working out how to manage that.

Will the students receive planners: Partly because of budgetary reasons and partly because school wasn't supposed to resume in person until second quarter, the decision was made to not distribute planners this year.

- On 10/7 during professional development they will work on making sure homework is being communicated in a consistent way across grade level.
- In the short-term a simple e-mail to the students and parents may help.

For students that had to change teachers due to changes in in-person and online learning the change was managed well.

Next Meeting: An adjustment was made to Chipeta's USIP goal.

Jennifer Harris, our new executive director joined us: She is here to support schools and support parents. She is working on getting the big picture of what Chipeta is like.

Minutes from September 2020 approved:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K2Wtdc_dbQ6BRnQw7m0MX-12E4rHnY9EcJmvz_FN2Ro/edit?usp=sharing

Question: Will people who travel out of state for Thanksgiving be required to quarantine? The answer will be researched.