

School Accountability Committee – SAC
Chipeta Elementary School via WebEx
April 12, 2022

Attendance

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Ian Ratz
Jamie Wright
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A. Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Welcome- Ian Ratz

C. Reading of Minutes: Minutes from April approved.

D. Administration

Marshall Fire Book Drive: The elementary school has about 800 students. Instead of trying to send one book for every student, Chipeta will send what we can.

- Scholastic Book Fair: The spring Scholastic book fair is buy one, get one free (BOGO).
 - Work with teachers to see if they are willing to have books families normally buy to donate to the classroom donated to the book drive instead.
 - Parents can round up their book fair total. Normally, that money is used to buy birthday books for students. This year it can be used to buy books for the Marshall Fire book drive.
 - Can possibly reach out to Mountain Shadows Facebook Page to ask people in the neighborhood to come to the book fair to buy books for the book drive. Tie in to the 10-year anniversary of the Waldo Canyon Fire this summer.
 - Chipeta students are already starting to sort donated books by grade level.

Enrollment: Anticipated enrollment for 2022 – 2023 is about 380 students, which is lower than previous years.

- Actively trying to enroll students by pursuing neighborhood and permit students and to get those enrollments done as soon as possible.
- Goal is to keep enrollment at 400 – 450 students.
- Projected enrollment will cut the number of classroom teachers allocated to Chipeta from 18 to 17.

- Looking to creatively configure classes to ensure we are properly staffed.
- 75 – 80 kindergarteners anticipated for next year. Hope to keep four kindergarten classes into first grade.
- Plan for 3 2nd grade classes, 3 3rd grade classes, 2 4th grade classes, 2 5th grade classes and one 3rd/4th combination class.
- Some staff will have to change the grade they teach
- Have hired an additional SPED teacher
- Still working to hire a school counselor
- GT allocation is 1 teacher to 40 students so Chipeta will keep 1.5 since there are about 60 students in GT.

5 Essentials

- Last year Chipeta scored as “moderately organized for improvement.”
- This year, Chipeta moved back into “well organized for improvement.”
 - Improvement in “collaborative teachers”
 - Worked hard to ensure teachers could collaborate to improve their teaching
 - Score came up quite a bit due to teachers doing peer observations
 - Worked with students on discussion and the language of discussions
 - Academic Press (rigor of learning): Can be higher and Chipeta is working on that
 - English instruction: Chipeta is working on improvement
 - Effective Leaders: Chipeta has worked to improve instructional leadership
 - Professional Development: Spent two years in a reactionary development mode to meet the demands of education during the pandemic.
 - Plan to move back to a teacher driven professional development mode as we move away from the pandemic.
- Involved Families: Only 22% of Chipeta families participate in the 5E survey
 - Parent Question: Is funding tied to 5E?: Answer: No.
- Supportive Environment: How much do we individualize learning for our students.
 - Peer support or academic work: Students encourage each to work hard in school.
- Do not know the future of 5E since Dr. Thomas is no longer the superintendent. It is currently an important piece of how we talk about who we are and how we are growing.
 - Our students are not a test score. Are our students creative, can they persist, and can they be good friends?

Upcoming Events:

April 13, 2022: Solo and ensemble

Playground Updates: Everything costs more right now, including playground equipment so improvements won't be as extensive as previously planned.

- Rope climber where the red dome climber is now.
- Old-fashioned merry-go-round where the see-saw and spineers were

Parent suggestion: Can parents help move mulch that blew away during windstorm back into place?

Parents will attend kindergarten moving up and 5th grade continuation outdoors weather permitting.

E. PTA

Met last week. Looked over budget. The biggest item was figuring out how to cover book expenditure. Miscommunication regarding \$1000 and revealed need for better communication between PTA and other parties.

- Responsive Classroom Training: Approved
- Staff Appreciation: Sign up genius going out.
 - Will work with “Because I love You” volunteers to write thank-you notes and kick off appreciation week.
- PTA social gathering in May
- Planning for Carnival had to start in January, but due to COVID surge it was tabled for this year.

F. Miscellaneous

- Superintendent search is ongoing. Parent feedback via the survey is very important.
- How can we make SAC meetings more participative and inclusive?
 - Suggestion: Ask people to come to SAC with something positive to share about their kids and something that is a challenge.
- CMAS testing: Not used for placement
 - It is supposed to be a program evaluation. Are our programs we are using and the way they are implemented working?
 - Not intended to be a measure of individual growth, but that is what it has become.

Next Meeting: September 6, 2022