

School Accountability Committee – SAC
Chipeta Elementary School via WebEx
January 11, 2022

Attendance:

Sarah Scott
Ian Ratz
Danielle Snelson
Cara Woundy
Emily Woerner
Kevin Loew
Rachel McCormack
Emily Woerner
Amelie Riendl
Jamie Wright
Becca Philipsen
Jennifer Layher

A. Call to Order 5:30

B. Welcome to introductions

C. Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from November approved

D. Administration

COVID 19

- District sent a district-wide e-mail informing everyone that in the event a school is unable to safely manage students due to staffing shortages, that school will go to remote learning.
 - Given the nature of symptom development, someone can feel fine all day then start to feel sick in the evening, notification of remote learning may happen quickly.
 - Communication will come from both the classroom teachers and the principal.
 - Principal will be a communicative, and transparent as she can be given the information she has.
 - Today, 1/11.2021, she learned of plan to implement remote learning if staffing becomes a problem from the same e-mail that informed all District 11 families.

- As of today, Chipeta had one staff member out due to COVID-19 and currently Chipeta can cover that person. 75 students are out due to COVID-19.

- Masks are still strongly recommended due to the 30% + infection rate in El Paso County as of today, 1/11/2022. However, that decision is up to the family.
- Chipeta will ask students to wear masks during large group gatherings such as assemblies.
- It would be a huge blow to students (socially, emotionally, and academically) if we must return to remote learning.
- Chipeta is required to track COVID-19 cases. The front office reports cases to District 11. The school nurse reports cases to the State of Colorado. Separate reports and paperwork.
- Quarantine
 - If a student is exposed to COVID-19 at school by someone who tests positive the student will receive a close contact letter.
 - Students who show symptoms after a close contact must quarantine.
 - People with someone in their home who is positive for COVID-19 must quarantine.
 - After five days, if the person's symptoms have resolved or they remain asymptomatic, they can return to school.
 - If they are still symptomatic on day 5, they must quarantine another 5 days or longer until their symptoms have resolved.
- Parent Concerns from Ian Ratz: Everyone has been struggling with the realities of coping with COVID-19 and changing guidance. He has been in e-mail contact with the Board of Directors over the course of the pandemic and he believes they have not been transparent or consistent regarding COVID-19 in District 11 schools. He encourages all concerned parents to [email the Board](#), attend school board and DAC meetings and be persistent.
- Parent Question: If we return to remote learning, what will happen in the case of a child who shuts down and struggles to participate?
 - In the past, Chipeta teachers prepared hands-on work and allowed students to work independently with check-ins.
 - Currently quarantined students have work in Schoology and are completing it and turning it in without an online WebEx component.
 - Kindergarten and 1st grade will not use Schoology. Packets are prepared and sent home.
 - 2nd – 5th grades are reviewing how to use WebEx and Schoology, just in the case they must use it from home.

Data

Chipeta’s standardized testing data is showing promising growth and achievement. While achievement scores are not yet where we want them, they are moving in the right direction and students are making good progress.

Screen captures of the data as presented are below. Page 2 includes a list of steps staff are taking to help students in Language and Math.

Chipeta Elementary – Growth and Achievement Data – Fall and Winter 2021

Acadience (formerly DIBELS – Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)

Grade	Administration	% Well Below	% Below	% Benchmark	% Above
Kindergarten	Fall	22	14	20	44
	Winter	15	19	26	40
1 st Grade	Fall	36	22	10	32
	Winter	32	16	15	37
2 nd Grade	Fall	27	10	25	38
	Winter	24	6	24	46
3 rd Grade	Fall	19	6	26	49
	Winter	8	17	20	55

Grade	Subject	% Not Met Growth & Achievement	% Not Met Growth, Met Achievement	% Met Growth, Not Met Achievement	% Met Growth and Achievement	Expectation Comparison
2 nd Grade	ELA	23	10	38	30	Exceeded
	Math	7	2	80	11	Exceeded
3 rd Grade	ELA	7	2	56	35	Exceeded
	Math	2	2	82	14	Exceeded
4 th Grade	ELA	14	2	37	47	Exceeded
	Math	39	2	50	9	Maintained
5 th Grade	ELA	35	22	15	28	Maintained
	Math	12	5	32	50	Exceeded

Structures and Instructional Strategies

- 4 days/week – leveled, skill-based instruction called Walk to Read
- Identified students receive extra small group instruction using specific instructional strategies, for example, SIPPS or Read Naturally
- Small group and whole group reading and math instruction for all students
- Additional math support for identified students provided by our ESSER funded tutor
- Enriching learning environments and experiences for all students
- School-wide Responsive Classroom practices to increase students’ sense of belonging, relationships, and a safe and welcoming classroom community.
- Self-regulation lessons
- Zones of Regulation taught to almost all students

E. Subcommittee Reports

PTA

- PTA met in December, next meeting 2/1/2022 at 6:30.
 - PTA luncheon for staff was very nice and much appreciated.
 - PTA will host Bandingo again which will be virtual
 - PTA will host a Painting with a Twist type event that can also be virtual.
 - During this time of high COVID-19 transmission the school is prioritizing the school day as the time for being in-person. Other events, when possible, may be virtual.
- SAC Training: January 27, 2022 6-8 pm
- DAC Training: January 20, 2022 6-8 pm
 - Both are at the Tesla Professional Development Center- double check for WebEx access.

F. Miscellaneous

- Watch Dogs: Paused during current COVID-19 surge and to determine who to work with and how to best move forward.
- DAC budget/funding recommendations for 2022-2023 must be received by 2/1/2022.
- Youth Mental Health Support: “I Matter” provides Colorado youth with three free mental health sessions. Information will be coming home with older students soon.

Next SAC meeting: 2/1/22 at 5:30

Future meetings: 3/1, 4/5

If you have any topics you would like to discuss at a future SAC meeting please contact Ian Ratz and Sarah Scott.

G. Adjourn