

School Accountability Committee – SAC- DRAFT  
Chipeta Elementary School via WebEx  
September 7, 2021

**Attendance**

Sarah Scott  
Amanda Obringer  
Amelie Riendl  
Arin Holecek  
Cara Woundy  
Danielle Snelson  
Ian Ratz  
Jamie Wright  
Sharon Wang  
Kate Herdejurgen  
Rachel McCormack  
Srihari Gollapudi

A. Call to Order 5:30

B. Welcome and Introductions

C. Reading of the minutes: Minutes from May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, approved.

**What is SAC?** SAC is an opportunity for parents to ask our principal what are our kids learning, how are they learning it and how do you know? The job of SAC is to look at those things with our principal and set Chipeta’s goals moving forward. SAC acts as an advisory committee, giving input and generating ideas. In the past SAC helped start Chipeta’s Watch Dogs program, give feed-back on standards-based report cards, develop the Habits of Work (HOW) rubric and helped create the Leave a Legacy library book donation program. SAC has also given input on how the parking lots are used and “Kiss ‘n Go” procedures. Principal Scott will often bring parent communication to SAC for parent feedback before it goes out schoolwide.

D. Administration

**CMAS and 5 Essentials:** Data was impacted by COVID and we are looking at it through the lens of the pandemic to determine what we need to dig in and change moving forward. For example, CMAS math participation in 5<sup>th</sup> grade was only 42% because an entire class of 5<sup>th</sup> graders were quarantined at home the day of the test.

Chipeta scored Moderately-organized for improvement. This was disheartening, since Chipeta was “Well-organized for Improvement.” The goal is to return to Well organized for improvement now that things are returning to being more normal.

Collaboration between teachers has been lower than we would like which impacts Chipeta’s ability to improve.

If we improve the quality and number of opportunities for teachers to observe each other in the classroom to gain new ideas and share feedback, then our rating for collaboration on the 5Es will improve.

Digging into the data so teachers can decide what instructional strategies they want to try.  
-Try, then analyze the data, redesign (as necessary) and try again.

## **Challenges**

88 Kindergarteners this year. Some have not been to preschool and/or were missed by Child-Find or did not access those services. Those students will need more/intensive help. Staff user interactive modeling to help students adjust. For example, students went to the lunchroom and learned how things work before they had to go there for lunch.

## **Updates**

Morning meetings are happening in a circle like they used to.

Today (9/8/2021) was first quarantine at school. Kids who wore masks and wore them properly did not have to quarantine.

Walk to read intervention and enrichment started today.

Chipeta has taken out a permit to use Mountain Shadows Park as a recess area in case they have to go to smaller recesses due to COVID-19.

Lunches are in the bus lane since having half the students in the school in the lunchroom during the two lunch times is very crowded and has been a problem for other schools and COVID-19 transmission.

-They do not have bees in the bus lane, but hover flies and a PowerPoint is going out explaining the difference and that it is okay to keep eating, they cannot sting anyone.

Chipeta has about 405 students while this is in line with district projections it is down from the 450 - 460 range we usually have. Lost some families to private schools and homeschooling during the pandemic.

Have usual number of families on choice permit (about 20 – 30%).

## **Subcommittee Reports**

Kate Herdejurgan (PTA): First PTA meeting was last Tuesday (8/30/2021). The first meeting is early to allow PTA to approve the budget and have access to money for school events. Parents expressed interest in meeting volunteer needs. The next meeting is 10/5/2021. SAC and PTA need a liaison.

District SAC: First training is September 23, 2021, from 6:00 – 8:00 at the Tesla Professional Development Center. When they meet in-person they have food. Check before to see if the meeting has moved to WebEx due to COVID-19 concerns.

DAC: Next DAC meeting 9/16/2021

Visit the [DAC Website](#).

Chipeta SAC Leadership: Ian Ratz has agreed to take over as SAC chair from Amanda Obringer. The attendees voted on the motion, and it was unanimous.

SAC still needs a co-chair, reach out to Ian Ratz if interested.

Watch Dogs: Having volunteers in the building is important and dads and dad figures are important for the kids. Plan to meet with the principal and talk about how to reimagine Watch Dogs to increase participation. Volunteers can help with the bus lane and recess and also keep an eye outside for any other safety issues. Usual Watch Dogs commitment was full school day, we should look at ways to make it one or two hours. Watch Dogs is a nationwide program, but we can adapt it in a way that works for Chipeta.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

**10/5, 11/2, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5 and 5/3**