

School Accountability Committee—SAC
Chipeta Elementary School
January 10, 2017

Attendance:

Sarah Scott
Alana Gregory
Lindsay Dougherty
Amanda Obringer
Treg Joslyn
Jamie Wright
Jennifer Layher

A. Call to Order at 5:00 p.m.

B. Welcome and Happy New Year: Lindsay Dougherty

C. Minutes from 11/1/2016 were approved.

D. Administration: Principal Sarah Scott

- Budget Review: Two funding “buckets.”
 - Fund 10 (ten accounts) are from the district budget. ‘
 - Half of the accounts are instructional and can only be used for instructional purposes.
 - Half of the accounts are non-instructional and be used for either non-instructional or instructional purposes. For example, the materials in the supply closet are funded from a non-instructional account, even though those materials may be used for instructional purposes.
 - Fund 74- SSA accounts, money that comes in and is paid back out. Clubs and activities account and the orchestra fundraiser are examples.
 - A lot of money in PTA account currently. PTA is funding new iPads, laptop charging cart and 1 field trip per grade level.
 - George White Trust: We receive approximately \$1200 - \$1500 a year to educate students on the history of Colorado and the Pikes Peak Region. 3rd Grade will go to the Pioneers Museum and 4th grade to Denver using these funds.
- Mission and Vision (Ladder Diagram- used a ladder because you can move up and down along a ladder on the path to student directed learning.
 - Freedom to teach
 - Personalized Learning

- Refinement of Essential Questions in Wonders
 - Project Based Learning and Design Thinking
 - Competency Based Learning
 - Habits of Mind of Work
 - Student Directed Learning
 - Critical Thinking Focus: i.e. Math Talk, Maker Space, Mathematical Practices Standards Based Habits of Mind
 - Starting with “Why?”
 - Unit Project Design
 - Choices
- Working with a consultant through the Pipeline grant received by Holmes and Trailblazer. Chipeta does not have the grant, but we have access to opportunities through it.
 - 6 years ago at Chipeta there was a sense that every teacher in each grade level team needed to be teaching the same thing, in the same way at the same time. It took about two years to change that mindset.
 - Teachers needed the freedom to take risks
 - Give kids more choices about what and how they learn including who they work with, where they work and what they do. For example, in the past Pioneer Day projects were display boards that that kids talked about. Now, students do a variety of projects.
 - Adopted Wonders and Math Expressions. We refine questions and drive toward big ideas, not just working each page.
 - Personalize Social Studies
 - Start with “Why?” Design thinking and a lot of Maker Space comes from this.
 - Mrs. Gius’ class looked at needs in the community in a project that involved students actually calling and speaking to people at community organizations and asking them about it.
 - Math: Have kids talk about it more and figure it out for themselves. Use Maker Space.
 - Habits of Mind: The attributes that we want kids to have so they can be successful.
 - Competency based learning. One big encompassing idea instead of a bunch of separate standards.
 - So much comes back to math and finding balance between explaining it and allowing productive struggle to help students figure it out for themselves.

- Our teachers are working on how to help kids move from what they know to discovering something new.
 - Parents want school to look like it did when they were in school. What happens when math looks different?
 - Teach kids to take risks without waiting for a teacher to hold their hand step-by-step.
 - K-5 buddy groups show the younger kids more willing to take risks than the older kids already.
 - Students need to learn to seek out the information they need and what to do when they get stuck.
- Physical/Emotional/Safety of Children: Link on Chipeta Page: Parent Resources - > Parents quick links->SAC->Articles (tips for positive parent/child interactions).
 - Holmes has a live box, look into doing something like that.
 - Ntouch updates
 - Review Vision at next SAC meeting.
 - Teachers can send link in newsletters
 - We can time in Character Counts. Can we merge the pillars into the visuals for our vision?

F. Subcommittee Reports

PTA Liaison: iPads purchased. With 3c and 3d failure PTA is looking to move ahead with replacing water fountains. They have to get 3 quotes from approved district vendors, but they do not have to go with the district.

Carnival: Moved to April 20, 2017 a Thursday before a teacher work day. Currently no one in charge. The PTA board is carrying a lot of events but the need volunteers.

- Trying to break down jobs into manageable pieces and use Sign-up Genius
- Give people the exact details of how to do each job

Update: PTA moved it back to Friday, April 28th. The Colorado PTA made a mistake in communicating the PTA convention dates so there is not a conflict.

Family Game Night: Student council will do announcements to get student buy-in and ask teachers to talk it up.

Need to use Sign-up Genius instead of Tickets for Time.

Email received from Chuck Fowler about Faces of the Fire exhibit. They did fundraising for a bronze bench sculpture in Mountain Shadows Park to replace the one that was vandalized. The

cost of the new bronze one will be less than they anticipated so he would like to donate the \$4000 to Chipeta.

Update: The use of the money is a work in progress due to the constraints of the gift. We are reaching out to the district and the community for ideas to make it useful and appropriate.

KidPower Program filled: 1/19 and 1/26

DAC: Next meeting Thursday 1/19

DAC training on 2/2

Given new items from the board to look at and had to rewrite what DAC does and are schools receiving information given the changes to DAC's structure this year.

G. Miscellaneous

Mill Levy and Bond not passing put things on hold. Concerns about raises. Boiler will not be replaced. The district wanted to look at the possibility of putting the question on the ballot in April, but they can only put it on November ballots. Majority of the board seats go up in November since two people stepped down and their replacements were appointed, not elected and two seats are up. If it goes out in November people have to mobilize, walking and educating voters.

How do we get information to people in time? How can Chipeta be part of the community? Currently, it is difficult to rent the building out because potential renters have to go through the rental office and acquire liability insurance. How do we streamline the process so the Mountain Shadows HOA could meet at Chipeta? Community night like a movie in the park? Bounce houses? Partner with Trailblazer, Holmes and Coronado? Show the worth of the school to the community.

Vote for officers at the next meeting. President and Vice President will be leaving Chipeta for the next school year.

Future Meeting Dates 2/7 and 4/4