



CHVE PTCO General Meeting November 28, 2017

I. Welcome

A. Note taker: Christina Alderfer

II. Thank You (Presented by Lizzy Morton and Kim Laycob)

A. To Jessica Friedrichson, Nhu Lam, and Lizzy Morton

B. To Lauren Garner and Laura Pilcher

C. Natasha Beresford and Tamara Fritzel

D. Ty Garner, Kevin Curtis, Brad Cheedle, and Jeff Wheeler

E. Heather Hobson and Debee Davis

III. Presidents' Report (Presented by Lizzy Morton and Kim Laycob)

A. Vote on concrete proposal to fill in "flower bed" area around La Tronico

1. The bid received for this project is \$5,500.

2. Abby Clark moved to approve the project. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Family Giving Campaign (presented by Tamara Fritzel and Cynthia Monson)

1. This year is a non-auction year and, therefore, a Family Giving Campaign year.
2. The goal of the Family Giving Campaign is \$120,000. This money will be used for next school year's budget.
3. Suggested donations are \$250 per child or \$400 per family and can be made by check or PaySimple. These donations are 100% tax deductible.
4. Many companies match donations.

C. Important Dates:

1. The STEM Fair is November 29, 2017
2. The choir and handbell performance is December 13, 2017
3. Winter Break is December 23, 2017 to January 8, 2018
4. The next PTCO meeting is January 18, 2018 at 9:15 am

IV. Principal's Report (Presented by Molly Drvenkar)

- A. Introduction of the Cherry Creek High School and West Middle School principals. These are the schools into which CHVE feeds.**

V. Presentation by Ryan Silva (principal at Cherry Creek High School)

A. Background information:

- a. Ryan has been at Cherry Creek High School ("Creek") for 18 years and has been the principal for 9 years.
- b. The current enrollment is 3,620 students and there are approximately 300 faculty and staff members.
- c. There are 8 school periods.
- d. The large school size allows for many more opportunities/courses. There are many college type courses offered.
- e. There are 26 athletic programs with levels within the programs. Nine of the athletic programs are non-cut programs.

B. Creek counseling program:

- a. Each Creek student stays with the same counselor for four years. The counsels meet with each of their students at least once a year.
- b. The counselors start freshmen year talking to the students about requirements for college admission.

C. Class Size:

- a. English classes are capped at 25 students. Other core classes can be bigger, but hopefully not bigger than 29.
- b. Honors and Advanced Placement classes can also be bigger.
- c. Classes for students not at grade level are usually not larger than 20 students.
- d. Performing arts classes are generally large as the school doesn't want to turn anyone away.

D. Foreign Language Classes:

- a. There is no foreign language requirement. Students are advised, however, to take through the third level of a language based on college requirements.
- b. There are currently five languages offered. Next year, sign language will also be offered.

E. Students with IEPs all have a case manager and have lots of opportunities at Creek. The students can do any mix of "sheltered" classes and/or mainstreamed classes.

F. It is always best to visit Creek and make sure it is a good fit before a student starts there.

VI. Presentation by Kate Bergles (principal at West Middle School)

A. General information:

1. There are approximately 400 students per grade at West Middle School (“West”).
2. There are eight elementary schools that feed into West.
3. Middle school is a big transition for most students.
 - a. Students have lockers.
 - b. The cafeteria is “food court” style.
 - c. A lot of work is done on developing skills to help students plan and schedule. There are long-term projects that help students with planning skills and demonstrate the importance of not waiting until the last minute.
4. Middle school is a time for students to try and explore new things. Four electives are recommended per year.
5. All CHVE fifth graders are bused to West for a tour. Counselors from West also come to CHVE to meet with the kids.

B. Grade specific information:

1. Sixth grade:
 - a. The sixth grade is organized by team.
 - b. The eight elementary schools are split up and then mixed into teams so the students will meet lots of new kids.
 - c. Much of sixth grade is about getting used to middle school.
2. Seventh grade:
 - a. The curriculum becomes more difficult.
 - b. The expectations increase significantly.

3. Eighth grade:

- a. This year is spent making sure the students are ready for high school.

VII. Closing

- A. The next PTCO meeting will be held on January 16, 2018 at 9:15 am.