



## CHVE PTCO General Meeting August 31, 2017

### I. Welcome

- A. The meeting was called to order at 9:18 am
- B. Note taker: Christina Alderfer

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

- A. Proposed amendment to the PTCO Bylaws to add "and safety."
  - 1. Laura Shipman moved to approve the change and Heather Hobson seconded the motion.
  - 2. The motion to amend the bylaws was approved unanimously.
- B. Important Dates:
  - 1. Red Ribbon Week is September 11<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 2. Run4Funds is on September 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - 3. The deadline for ordering the school directory is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter, directories will be available (while supplies last) in the school office.

### III. Principal's Report (Presented by Molly Drvenkar)

- A. Overview of the Vision, Mission, and Values of CHVE
- B. Introduction of new teachers and staff
  - 1. There are several new teachers (one in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and two in 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and a lot of new support teachers and other staff.
- C. This year, there is a new logo for the High Five stickers.
- D. The eclipse viewing on August 21, 2017, was a huge success.
  - 1. All 550 students were outside on the field.
- E. This school year's focus is reaching every child and celebrating our unique personalities.
  - 1. The book Only One You by Linda Kranz was the starting point of this year's focus on each individual student.
- F. This year's school project will be to create a rock path by the nature trail.
  - 1. Each child and each staff member will paint a rock.
  - 2. The painted rocks will be placed on the rock path.

### IV. Four goals for the 2017-2018 school year (Presented by Molly Drvenkar)

- A. Goal #1: Improve the school climate
  - 1. This will be done using Emergenetics (among other things)
    - a. Emergenetics focuses on thinking and behavior preferences
  - 2. Also, there will be a focus on the importance of vulnerability as discussed by Brene Brown
  - 3. In addition, this will include using the Courageous Conversations Compass (which includes believing, thinking, feeling, and acting) and recognizing that we all need to move to the center of the compass.

- B. Goal #2: Engage in professional development through professional learning communities**
  - 1. What do we expect every student to learn?
  - 2. How do we know if every student has learned?
  - 3. What do we do if every student has not learned?
  - 4. What will we do when every student has mastered the content?
- C. Goal #3: Focus on K-5 alignment and team synchronicity for writing instruction, learning, and assessment through professional learning communities**
  - 1. Lucy Calkins program for reading and writing
    - a. 17 CHVE staff members went to a two day Lucy Calkins training
  - 2. It is important to hear from experts and bring best practices back to the classroom.
    - a. For example, it is now believed that less time should be spent writing about texts. Instead, students should write to think and grow ideas.
- D. Goal #4: To be a true advocate for all students**
  - 1. Dr. Yemi Stenbridge will be working with CHVE this year and will help focus on six themes of culturally responsive education
    - a. Relationships
    - b. Cultural Identity
    - c. Vulnerability
    - d. Asset-focused factors
    - e. Rigor
    - f. Engagement

## **V. Closing**

- A. The next PTCO General Meeting is on November 16th.**