



Cheyenne Site Council Minutes

January 12, 2026

Cheyenne's Mission: To guide and challenge learning for all students through a learning environment that gives priority to basic traditional skills and values.

Cheyenne's Vision: To create a culture of shared and active leadership so that each member brings their own areas of expertise and works collaboratively to sustain improvements in teaching, in learning, and throughout the community.

Cheyenne's Cornerstones:

1. **School of Choice**
2. **Focus on Academics**
3. **Linear Sequential Curriculum**
4. **Teacher-Directed, Textbook-Based Instruction**
5. **Elevated Grading Scale**
6. **Maximum Use of Academic Time**
7. **Parent Commitment, Involvement, Support**
8. **High Expectations for All**
9. **School Uniforms**

Cheyenne Site Council Purpose: The purpose of the Cheyenne Site Council is to ensure that individuals are provided the opportunity to share in the decision-making process. The Site Council supports the vision and develops and monitors the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP) with a focus on student achievement and school climate.

Members:

- Principal/Administrator - Shawnee Baca
- Assistant Principal - Jill Frey
- Classified Staff Member – Kathleen Baldus
- Teacher Rep. K-5 - Natalie Kearns
- Teacher Rep. Middle School - Gina Morgan
- Parent Representative- Sara Solem
- Parent Representative- Lisa Sagstad
- PTO Representative - Karinna Holland
- Community Representative – Sarah Lombardi

AGENDA:

- **Principal Baca call the meeting to order:**
 - Date/Time: 1/12/26 2:33pm
 - **Principal Baca: Approve Minutes**
 - Motion: Karinna H.
 - 2nd: Sara S.
 - Vote: All in favor- approved
- **STUGO: Updates**
 - Middle School Lunch and sitting by homeroom instead of choosing where they sit. Principal Baca shared a detailed update on why the decision was made and let them know that she was open to allowing them to sit where they want- if lunch room behavior and safety are consistent and respect is shown by all.
 - Confirmed that uniform updates will happen at the February Site Council meeting.

Enrollment Recap: Principal Baca

This year as of 1/12/26: 952 Students & Last Year 946 Students (capacity 1040). Wait lists: Kdg: 55 students, 5th: 10 students, 7th: 4 students

- This year as of 11/10/25: 950 Students & Last Year 959 Students (capacity 1040)

- Wait lists: Kdg: 55 students, 5th: 10 students, 7th: 4 students
- 1st +1
- 26-27: 961 Total students- Waitlists KDG, 1st, 5th, 7th
- PTO asked for Kathleen to confirm that all new family contact information was shared with PTO, Roomparents and New family committee.

Staffing Updates:

- Dean of Students:
- Middle School Spanish updates- 8th grade, 7th grade, 6th grade
- 7-8 Spanish- **Suzette Korchmaros**- hired as teacher for 7/8!
- 6-7 Spanish-
- .5 Elective Teacher- If you have leads, please let us know
- .4 ELA Teacher- **Debbie Hawkings**- would be an extension of the reading specialist we have; targeted more towards progress monitoring and support in grades 4-5- hired!
- Noon Aide- if you have leads, please let us know
- Crossing Guards- if you have leads, please let us know
- PE Full time position posted- Holtbrook retiring

Votes Needed:

- **Athletics:**
 - Use of Student Activities Funds- approval needed from Site Council
 - **Cheer**- Up to \$4000 for uniforms, pom-poms, bows, supplies for Cheer Squad.
 - Motion **Sarah L.**
 - Second **Sara S**
 - Vote **All in favor- yes- approved**
 - **Gym**- Bleacher Scoring Table wth Cheyenne Logo
 - Quote \$4442.00- vote up to \$5000
 - Motion **Karinna H**
 - Second **Sara S**
 - Vote **All in favor- yes- approved**
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 - **Volleyball**- Sports Attack Skill Attack Volleyball Machine - Portable Individual Training
 - Quote \$1500- vote up to \$2000
 - Motion **Gina M**
 - Second **Karinna H**
 - Vote **All in favor- yes- approved**

- **Baseball-** Pitching Mounds x2
 - Quote \$11,481 -vote up to \$12,000
 - Motion **Sara S**
 - Second **Sarah L**
 - Vote **All in favor- yes- approved**
- **Sara S confirmed that all MNO athletics funds will be used- they will.**
 - Baseball/Softball hats
 - Baseballs/Softballs
 - Volleyballs
 - Scorebooks all sports
 - SUSD Festival T-Shirt
 - Flag Football Jerseys
 - Girls Soccer Balls
 - Boys Baseball Uniforms
 - And more!
- **Sara asked: if all sports are now updated and if these requests were approved by Athletic Director.**
 - Yes
 - Rowan requests items.
 - Coaches can request needs to AD and then if there are funds or if the need is valid - request comes to Principal.
 - In the past three years- all sports have had a share of the funds to update as needed and supplies.

Middle School Lunch: Sara Solem

- **Sara asked Principal Baca to explain in further detail- beyond what was shared with STUGO Reps- why some students who are exhibiting bad behavior are causing all students in the middle school to be given consequences- No longer allowing students to choose where they want to sit during lunch and making them now sit by their home room. This is a concern of many parents- not allowing them to socialize and get them much needed socialization time during our day.**

CTS Way- Character Counts: Principal Baca

January- Responsibility

A definition of the trait will continue to be shared on the CTS News.

Homeroom positive acknowledgement - Grade levels will be assigned a week on the news. Each teacher will have a day M-Th to acknowledge a student that exemplifies the trait with a certificate and coming to Principal Baca's office to select a prize!

Posters in the Cafe have been updated.

Poster Outside Cafeteria - This will be the Golden Spoon Award board. **Knowlton's Class Won!**

Middle School Incentives - "Clear Comm Card" entered into a raffle. - October and November ice cream socials were a huge success! Next Ice Cream Social will be 2/6/26- combining Dec & Jan

Random Selection- Ask Students about Character Counts Trait of the month (past months too) raffle ticket and drawing at the end of the year. **Jar and raffle tickets will be displayed in the front office!**

W.I.G's: For Ongoing Reference: Principal Baca

Posters in Front Office and Cafe up and tracking WIG 1!

- WIG 1 : By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Cheyenne Traditional School will increase the percentage of students performing above grade level in MATH from 25% (May 2025) to 28% (May 2026) as evidenced by the end-of-year Math IXL benchmark assessment.
- **IXL Update: Principal Baca - hit the next goal! All grades improving!**
- WIG 2 : By the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Cheyenne Traditional School will decrease the percentage of students nearly chronically absent/chronically absent students from 19.16% (May 2025) to 16.16% (May 2026) as evidenced by attendance records.
- **Attendance Update: Principal Baca - Chronic (more than 5 days) is hurting the chances of meeting or exceeding our goal.**

Meeting Closed: 3:38 PM

Next Meeting: 1/12/26

Tax Credit Balance and Planned Expenditures 25-26

- **General Extracurricular - \$114,408.47**
- **Tax Credit Field Trips -\$3,576.58**

- **Tax Credit Fine Arts - \$12,658.01**
- **Tax Credit Gifted - \$36,953.94**

Additional Items:

- What does spending money on campus look like for future items and what are we doing with previously purchased items in the event that the governing board approves the relocation of Cheyenne as a part of Phase 2?
 - Items that can be moved should be moved- what's ours is ours. If we need it, we can bring it. If we don't need or can't move certain items, we can use what exists on the other campus, depending on what they have.