



# Chariho Regional School District

## Hope Valley Elementary School

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***All Kids...All of the Time***

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## **Minutes from** **HOPE VALLEY SCHOOL'S SIT MEETING > 10/5/20**

### **4:00 PM Meeting Call to Order**

***A vote may be taken on any item on this agenda.***

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#### **I. Meeting Call to Order**

Called to order at 4:02pm

Attendees: Giuseppe Gencarelli, Lauren Coggeshell, Mary Ann Mello, Kim St. Clair, Caleb Grant, Donna Sunderland, Cristina D'Agostino, Endawnis Spears, Emily Lynch, Chelsea Baker, Lela Smith

#### **II. Recognition**

No recognition

#### **III. Public Forum**

No public business was presented

#### **IV. Business**

a. Reopening Plan Update (first 3-weeks of school)

- i. Discussion about the on-line COVID-19 symptoms attesting was easy to use
- ii. Discussion about some confusion about when a child is sent to nurse the full policy for returning from a parent point of view
- iii. Teachers brought forth discussion about creating plan for when/if distance learning becomes the plan. The teachers discussed that having a day to prepare for moving to distance learning model would make it more attainable.
- iv. Discussion lead to if this level of intensive teaching in person and virtually by all teachers and administration would be sustainable across the school year.
- v. Discussion about families sending messages to teachers daily about if they will be utilizing distance learning that day or will be in person—this seems to be clarified by Mr. G's email the last week about it is not a daily choice.

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- vi. Discussion about the drop off/pickup
  - 1. Enjoying the pickup at the field down the hill
  - 2. Concerns about weather/snow and the stairs and who will clear them off—currently town doesn't have anyone to be able to do this.
- vii. Discussion about lunch time difficulties. Teachers are having to assist in the passing out of food. Each individual lunch item is in separate bags instead of the full lunch being in one bag for each child to grab and take back to desk.

b. Budget Overview

- i. Painting more colors within the school was brought up as an option
- ii. Painting murals on the walls—possibly a PTO discussion not part of budget.
- iii. Discussion if this money should be used for Chromebook replacements—Currently in a lease to replace every 3 years—already budgeted for.
- iv. Discussion about the state of RI department of ed: by 2022 every district needs a program for English that would span the district
- v. Discussion if changes to the parking lot would be considered for the budget—at this time there has been no movement on this discussion
- vi. Question was asked if the district was moving toward a larger elementary school that would hold all 3 towns in one site instead of the separated schools. This has not been resolved as of date.

c. Anti-Racist Task Force Update (requested by Endawnis Spears)

- i. Task forces hasn't met as of this day—Endawnis will bring back updates
- ii. Discussion about making sure that all aspects of Columbus Day/Indigenous People Day are discussed within the classroom. That nothing is presented as only from one side of the conversation. Look to present to the students about why there is discussion about this and let them experience all the different cultures that are included.
- iii. Discuss if the state school calendar should have been labeled differently for this day.

d. Review Hope Valley Vision 2023

- i. Review the vision and see if changes need to be made so that we can complete the vision by 2023
- ii. Review progress made toward this vision at this time

**V. Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Minutes—Caleb Grant passed a motion to accept the minutes from last meeting, Cristina D'Agostino seconded. All in favor: unanimous
- b. Budget

**VI. Reports**

- a. Principal's Report
- b. Coming Events

**VII. SIT Requests for Future Agenda Items**

- a. No requests at this time

**VIII. Adjournment** – Future Meetings—October 19, 2020 at 4pm

- a. Lauren Coggeshell motioned to adjourn; Caleb Grant seconded All in favor: unanimous