

Mr. Gencarelli called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm on June 2, 2022. Everyone went around the room and did introductions for our new members. There was recognition for our members leaving, Lauren Coggeshall and Maryann Mello who are no longer members of the team. Lauren Coggeshall will be moving onto middle school.

### **Business Forum:**

1. School Safety
  - a. Discussion around school safety and that it is a top priority for Hope Valley School. Mr. Gencarelli discussed the school safety mission statement and around doors.
  - b. Discussion around a fence along the property to separate Langworthy field. Kim St. Clair was unable to attend the meeting but had brought this up. Discussion around funds and the change in the evacuation process.
  - c. Mr. Grant discussed how grateful he was for Mr. Gencarelli's email sent out and how other parents appreciated it. Mr. Grant discussed that a fence would give a false sense of security and the fence would not do as much unless it was the entire perimeter.
  - d. Discussion on staff vigilance
  - e. Discussion how HVES does not have a double door entry. Doors shut with the push of a button and they drift closed. Discussion around possible scenarios. Discussion around the possibility of construction or how to create a double door system will be discussed with the safety team.
  - f. The safety team meeting on 6/3/22 will be at Hope Valley and more discussion around safety will happen.
  - g. Discussion around site survey and most of the recommendations that have been done and updated.
2. Dismissal Process:
  - a. The dismissal has been cutting into instructional time and causing problems with buses and parent pick-ups taking an extended amount of time.
  - b. The old system worked but there were flaws.
  - c. Hope Valley has a high number of parent pick-ups and it causes congestion.
  - d. Discussion about making Locustville Road a one-way during dismissal to allow for smoother parent pick up at the front of the school. This could be difficult with the snow and the amount of stairs children would have to go down. We would have to get approval from the town and discuss it with Ure outfitters.
  - e. Discussion around the impact of preschool impacting this dismissal transition
  - f. Discussion around dismissal from the library but how parking will be difficult and cause cluster around the school
  - g. Discussion around buses picking up first but this would also cause an issue since we need to ensure parent pick-ups are gone before buses.
  - h. Discussion around making a new road way and property over near the first-grade wing to allow for quicker bus
  - i. Having two-parent pick-ups done by the last name happening at the same time but staffing may be an issue

3. Meeting Schedule
  - a. Monday of PTO meetings but dates must be picked
  - b. Some SIT members prefer to start at 5 pm and others want it to start at 4 pm.
  - c. The group discussed this being a future agenda item but that it will be at 5 pm going forward
  - d. The SIT schedule was established
    - i. 9/12,10/3,11/7,1/9,3/6,5/8 this will be the dates for upcoming
  - e. Motion made to approve the dates: Lauren Coggeshall
    - i. Second: Virginia Stracuzzi
    - ii. Discussion: none
    - iii. Vote: Unanimous
4. Kindness
  - a. Discussion around how students are taking to the kindness initiative, creating a culture of kindness
  - b. Random acts of kindness
  - c. 4th grades acts of Kindness they are working on
  - d. How adults are modeling kindness for students and can support students with Kindness
  - e. Discussion around the foundation with Kindness and how we should push through this initiative for next year
5. Field Trip
  - a. Maisie's tree farm and forestry
  - b. Educating people about forestry
  - c. Raising funds
  - d. Virtual or in-person field trip to the farm and have an educator talk about forestry education
  - e. RIDE funding was not approved
  - f. Grants for busing
  - g. The proposal would have a group of students come monthly to learn and one group of kids would go out into the forest and do the studies
  - h. Discussion around doing it with 1 grade vs doing it with a variety of children
  - i. One idea was doing it with High C children
  - j. Busing can be difficult and finding funding with busing
  - k. Maisey's tree farm is currently a running business
  - l. Discussion around busing and who would be able to go
6. Screen Time
  - a. Screen time is problematic for getting kids to socialize and being kind to people
  - b. Collaborative/ collective electronic use
  - c. Mr. Grant is concerned about socialization and students working together
  - d. Social skills are impacted by screen time and not wanting to socialize with others because of the instant gratification of screens
  - e. Teachers monitoring screen use in school and making it more collaborative
7. Review School Improvement Plan
  - a. Stated introducing a new process for SIT meetings, it is a pilot year

- b. Having smart goals and addressing plans
- c. Template with the state and writing goals we will be using for the year
- d. Focus for September will be coming up with goals for next year

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Motion to Approve: Caleb Grant
  - Second: Virginia Stracuzzi
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: Unanimous

**Reports:**

- Principals report
- Coming Events

**Requesting for Future Agenda Items:**

- Field Trip Discussion (Caleb Grant)

**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn: 5:14pm- Alison Ward
- Second: Caleb Grant
- Vote: Unanimous