

**FAIRMONT AREA SCHOOL
SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

October 18, 2022

Attending the meeting were:

Sue Liebl, Sue Clabaugh, Lori Higgins, Shannon Bass, Tyler Garrison, Michelle Rosen, Mark Borchardt, Lee Stewart, Tom Seifert, Tyler Garrison, Jerad Herman, Stephanie Langhofer, Alex Schmidt, and Kellie Fischer

Minutes of the previous meeting from May 3, 2022, were reviewed. No changes were made.

Unfinished Business: The padding of bleachers in the High School gym is still to be completed.

New Business:

Employee Injury report: Since the last meeting seven staff reported being injured. Four maintenance/custodial staff were injured, one teacher and 2 paras. No noticeable pattern was seen in the injuries.

Fire Safety month is October ([Fire Marshal handout](#)). Many items were reviewed from list. In the past we have been sited on situations that need to be improved. Principals Schmidt and Rosen will communicate highlights of the Fire Safety suggestions to all staff in celebration of Fire Safety Month. Safety is an important component of our school district. The State Fire Marshall will be visiting our school this year.

Fire Lane Concerns/north entrance by propane tank – This area continues to be a safety concern. New signs have been ordered that says "Authorized vehicles only - NO Parking " to be installed in this area.

Flame retardant jackets for students welding/PPE assessments – Full PPE must be mandatory while welding in class. Welding students do currently have adequate leather gloves, leather shoes and helmets for use during welding classes. Tyler Garrison will work with Instructor Bob Bonin to secure enough leather aprons for the students as they are welding.

Elementary student elevator requirements – Reviewed current policy of elementary students riding in elevators alone. Consensus was that students in 5th grade and lower must be accompanied by an adult when using a school elevator. If capable, a 6th grade student could use the elevator alone if they are trained and comfortable with the responsibility.

Other safety items noted included: Revisited the need for helmets to be secured for preschoolers riding on scooters during the school day. Cleaning and storage of helmets is a concern. Students could bring their own to wear. Sound levels in the new CTE classrooms was discussed. Sue will bring noise testing equipment at her next visit to do some testing in this area and make recommendations.

Next Safety Committee meeting will be December 13, 2022

Minutes recorded by Lori Higgins