

WHAT: Health and Safety Committee
WHEN: Wednesday, April 2, 2025
TIME: 3:30PM – 4:30PM
WHERE: Scotia-Glenville High School Room B2

Agenda

Time	What	Who
3:30 – 3:40	Welcome and Review Agenda	Jon Van Alstyne
3:40 – 4:00	<p>Items:</p> <p>Maximum Temperature in School Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update <p>Playground Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be conducted on April 2nd • Periodic inspections weekly/monthly • General safety reminders <p>CPR Training for Building Nurses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be conducted on March 31 	Jon Van Alstyne
4:00 – 4:30	Round Table	All

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2025

Attendees: Peter Zwack, Dennis Cooper, Jeremy Ecker, Marcella Tebbano, Ben Sequeira, Jill Bush, Diana Rumpf, Drew Giaquinto, Tonya Federico, Brooke Keith

Agenda Items

Maximum Temperature in School Law (Jon Van Alstyne)

- There is an update to the Maximum Temperature in School law which goes into effect on September 1, 2025. Previously, the law prohibited educational spaces from being occupied if temperatures reach 88 degrees Fahrenheit. The update now states "...such policy shall include a plan to remove students and staff from occupied spaces **where practical** when educational and support services reach 88 degrees Fahrenheit." It will be at the discretion of the school district to determine whether it is practical to evacuate a classroom, close school, etc. Each school building should still identify areas where students and staff can seek relief from extreme heat. The School Board will have to adopt a policy regarding extreme heat. Currently, BOCES is developing a policy template for schools to utilize.

Playground Inspections (Jon Van Alstyne)

- Playground inspections have been conducted at Sacandaga Elementary and Lincoln Elementary. No major issues were reported. The rest of the district playgrounds will be inspected throughout the month of April. A brief discussion was had with Ben Sequeira regarding Utica National and playground inspections and playground use during the winter. New York State Education requires schools to follow the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines regarding public playgrounds. The CPSC provides playground inspection forms, and this information was shared with Dennis Cooper and Pete Zwack. Dennis incorporated some of the CPSC inspection standards into the form the district already uses. This will allow the school district to align more with the CPSC. Staff will be conducting formal weekly and monthly inspections on the playgrounds.

CPR Training for Building Nurses (Jon Van Alstyne)

- CPR training for the building nurses was conducted on March 31, 2025, at Glendaal Elementary School. Seven nurses attended the course which provided basic life support training (CPR/AED/choking/rescue breathing.) Each nurse will now be certified for two years through the American Heart Association. Feedback amongst the group was positive.

Round Table

Standard Response Protocol (Jill Bush)

- Jill recently met with the building principals regarding the new I Love U Guys Standard Response Protocol which goes into effect on July 1, 2025. Each principal was given a copy of the new protocol. Changes include terminology – "Lockout" will not be referred to as "Secure Lockout."

Workplace Violence Program (**Jill Bush**)

- Jill recently attended a Utica National conference and one of the topics involved workplace violence prevention. The district has a current policy and plan in place. In May, the Workplace Violence Prevention committee will meet to review accident and injury logs. The district does not have any recorded workplace violence incidents.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025