Haut Gap Middle School's
AGENDA

School Improvement Council
Via Zoom/In-Person
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

1. Introduction – Members and Guests (5 minutes)
   - Sign-in sheet
   - Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.
   - Ross Anderson recorded minutes as interim secretary.

Action: Propose the Compliance Checklist form

2. Previous Meeting Action Items:
   - Tennis court trash removal (Vella: Dumpster and remaining items to be removed soon.)
   - Winsborro pedestrian path (Vella: Area reviewed to determine whether a fence, gate, and pedestrian access can be allowed. VP of Operations Borrowy has been notified. Safety and compliance issues must be resolved first; the primary concerns are the ditch crossing and keeping the access point securable.)
   - Website updates (Vella: Website updates, including posting SIC agendas to meet compliance requirements, remain a challenge during the transition to a new platform. Staff training is needed. A parent suggested a process for preparing updates and obtaining approval before posting.)
   Added: SIC Compliance Checklist

3. Updates: 2026 Offices, Terms, and 2627 Elections
   i. Elected Teacher Position (Jessica Bryant was introduced and welcomed as the newly elected Teacher Representative, replacing Ms. Lotts.)
   ii. Offices of Vice Chair, Secretary: Nominations and Elections (Slate presented: Lucy McAfee, Chair; Bradley Taggart, Vice Chair; Tracy White, Secretary. Motion to approve the slate made and seconded. Motion approved unanimously.)

4. Subcommittees & Surveys
   i. Sports Subcommittee meeting to follow SIC
   (Elizabeth Poole, Chair: 54 survey responses received. Goals are a central website and a

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liaison for each sport or activity to keep information current. Survey feedback asked for a website and better communication so parents and students know what is available. Thanked administration for sharing the results. Requested that administration define the types of organizations that run each sport, since bylaws and rules differ for each, so this can be posted to the website.)
(Vella: Work is underway to define what this will look like, and staff who previously handled these programs are sharing information. Collaboration with the high school is also important.)
(Ross: A tracking document has been created for this information. Asked for patience as the group gets organized.)
(Question: Must all website and communication updates go through CCSD? SIC information needs to be posted and kept current publicly.)

(Brad Taggart: Asked whether the Communications survey went out; responses need to be reviewed. Brad has created an SIC Facebook page that can be used to post on behalf of the SIC and build community awareness.)

(Brad Taggart, Communications Subcommittee Chair: Proposed a three-meeting approach.
Meeting 1: Define the problem using survey results, social media comments, and other input.
Meeting 2: Describe the ideal communications scenario and discuss solutions, including approaches that have worked in the past or elsewhere. Stay solutions-oriented.
Meeting 3: Meet with staff and administration to assess which strategies are workable within staff time and availability.
Follow-up meetings as needed.)

(Attendee concern: Routing all updates through Ms. Phillips could be a bottleneck for liaisons and for her. Options raised include a microsite and training parent volunteers to make updates and handle compliance under an approval chain. Several parents offered to help.)

(Suggestion: Pilot communication improvements with sports and activities before launching a broader initiative. Others noted that communication issues are not limited to sports.)

5. Announcements (5 minutes)
i. Acknowledgement of Ms. Cline's attendance at Lowcountry SIC workshop
(Vella: Schools from across the state attended and many resources were provided. Suggested sharing these resources with all SIC members. The full-year overview was especially useful, and our SIC is ahead of schedule.)
ii. D9 SIC Collaboration and Joint Calendar (Vella: All D9 schools but one were represented. Collaborative events between schools are under discussion, and seeing the other schools was a key benefit. Strong interest in each school hosting a meeting; a draft calendar is being developed to coordinate across D9. Suggested aligning dates with existing events and avoiding conflicts with district-wide dates.)
iii. School Renewal Plan: Distributed for November discussion (Paper copies were provided. Posting the plan to the website was discussed; no decision made. Motion to move

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discussion of the School Renewal Plan and the 90-day plan to the November meeting. Motion: Vella. Second: Taggart. Approved unanimously.)

6. Public Comments (5 minutes)

7. Adjourn

(Meeting adjourned.)

Next Meeting:

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