

Texarkana ISD
Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting
Tuesday, October 5th, 2021
11:00 a.m

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members were welcomed by Jennell Ingram, SHAC chairperson. Members present introduced themselves and guests were introduced. Members of the council were given the purpose of the committee, its mission statement and goals for the 2021-2022 school year. (copy attached)

Members present were:

Heather Spohn, (Coordinator of Health Services), Bill Kimbro, (Board member- TISD), Breanne Bradshaw,(community member), Ana Willis, (community member),Mindy Gennings, (TISD campus principal), David E. Hardy, (TISD staff), ShaRhonda Sutton, (TISD counselor), Jennifer Glass, (parent), Samantha McGhee, (parent), Amy Doss, (TISD staff and parent), Patsy LaRue,(grandparent),, Treva West, (parent), Dr. Debra-Bowers, MD, (parent and community member), [Shauna McClain](#), (TISD counselor), Sherry Nelson, (TISD Coordinator of 504 and Counselors),Gene Isaiah, (parent-Theron Jones), Sierna Bock, (Parent-Theron Jones), Jennell Ingram, District Council lead.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Mindy Gennings and seconded by Amy Doss to approve the agenda as printed. The motion was carried unanimously.

- All members remained socially distanced and wore face masks except when speaking or eating.
- Committee members who wished to join via Zoom were given this option. (Five members joined via Zoom)

Update on Council's activities from previous school year and goals for 2021-2022 school year.

Jennell Ingram, district lead for the council gave an update on the activities that were successfully completed by the SHAC committee in the previous year. Council members were notified that minutes from the current meeting and previous meetings are uploaded to the district website and can be referenced there at any time.

Goals for the new school year were discussed. The goals are as follows:

- Continue to recruit parents and community members for the committee
- Host a district Wellness Fair in the fall/spring
- Begin to send out a quarterly newsletter on pertinent issues to the committee and the district's staff.
- Begin to work with district counselors to aid in the mental/emotional wellbeing of the staff and students.

Child Nutrition update:

Christie Lammers, Director of Child Nutrition updated the council on the school nutrition program. She stated that CDC protocols that were in place have loosened and that cafeterias have resumed serving lunches like they did before Covid. Certain campuses have chosen to continue to rotate classes through the cafeteria allowing for classes to eat lunch in their rooms. This is a campus by campus decision and is not mandated by CDC guidelines.

Elementary principals in attendance stated that parents have been receptive to this format and that in some cases, those campuses with smaller cafeterias have appreciated having that flexibility.

Health Services update:

[Heather Spohn](#) coordinator of Health, reported to the committee that cases of Covid 19 began to decrease as of the current week. She cited specific numbers of cases in students and in staff for the prior two reporting weeks. Ms. Spohn explained that active and suspected cases of Covid are still reported to the local health agency . She further explained that any classroom or area where a person was found to have Covid is disinfected before students return to the room.

Exciting news for the district is the fact that vaccine clinics have been well received and Ms Spohn reported that parents and students are taking advantage of the clinics. To date, the district has held 4 clinics. Ms. Spohn also reported that the district has opened a drive through testing center for staff and students. The testing center is located at 1600 Waterall Street. Students and staff can drive through and get tested if they have symptoms. Results are available within 2 hours. The testing center opened October 4th.

District Counseling Support/ Update:

Sherry Nelson, Coordinator of Counseling Services for the district updated the council on Senate Bill 179 that states that no more than 20% of a counselor's time can be spent on non-counseling duties. The emotional stresses of Covid and other mental issues of students and staff are important aspects of the "whole person". Recognizing this, our district has hired an additional counselor at the High School, [Shauna McClain](#).

Ms. McClain was present and gave comments regarding her work so far at Texas High.

Ms. McClain stated that she has worked with students who are struggling with losses of loved ones, depression and other mental challenges. Her job has kept her busy, which indicates the many needs of our students.

Ms. Nelson stated that the district counselors will be working with the SHAC committee in the future to help meet these needs.

Several questions and comments were made by parents and the meeting was adjourned.

After a call for items to be included in the next meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennell Ingram