

School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

Minutes

9-14-15

The SHAC members gathered and the meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the Board Room at the Sweeny ISD Central Administration building. Dr. Thompson welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Ten members and four guests were present.

The minutes for the 6-2-15 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Dr. Thompson reviewed the purpose and parameters of the SHAC discussing the eight components of a coordinated school health program. She discussed the various requirements including a majority of parent members, parent to serve as chair or co-chair of the council, four annual meetings, and areas required to be addressed by the SHAC. This information was especially relevant to the new parent members who were not as familiar with SHAC as those who have served in the past.

Jill Kacal was elected to serve as the co-chair with Dr. Thompson of the SHAC for 2015-2016, and Becky Wojcik was elected to serve as the SHAC secretary.

Dr. Thompson reported that she had made a report regarding SHAC activities from 2014-2015 to the SISD Board of Trustees on September 8, 2015, on the same night that the Board approved the SHAC membership roster for 2015-2016. Dr. Thompson reviewed the list of activities which had been reported to the SISD Board.

The SHAC discussed the training that is required of teachers who provide human sexuality/abstinence instruction at the junior high and high school levels. Previously, the Sweeny ISD Board approved the use of Scott and White's "Wellness and Sexual Health Program" for use in the high school health classes and in the junior high PE program. Dr. Thompson reported that a teacher training will be provided in Temple, Texas, by Scott and White trainers on October 22, 2015. The new teachers teaching in those classes this school year will be required to attend training in order to be able to effectively provide that instruction to students. Additionally, the high school health teacher will need to attend training in order to provide instruction in the p.a.p.a. (Parenting and Paternity Awareness) program. Dr. Thompson provided the high school health teacher with a website that lists the various training dates and locations for the p.a.p.a. training. The new teachers will make arrangements to attend the required training in the next few months.

A brief discussion of HB 2186 and the suicide prevention training that is available for educators. Dr. Thompson provided information regarding TEC 21.044(c-1) which was in effect 9-1-15; and also shared information regarding training resources available to provide teacher training related to mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide.

Becky Wojcik provided an update on the District's plan for training teachers and/or members of specific teams on the topics of diabetes and bloodborne pathogens. She also mentioned recent legislation related to how schools can address the use of EpiPens (epinephrine injectors). The District will need to make decisions regarding action on this topic at some point.

Mr. Miksch reported on the District's updated policy regarding the use of eCigs (electronic cigarettes) on school grounds and at school functions. The District has updated policy so as to disallow the use of eCigs.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:52 pm.