# **SHAC Meeting Minutes**

**December 09, 2021**

**12:00-1:00PM**

**Admin Bldg. Conf Room A/B**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Tom Lechtenberg, previous Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:01pm.

SHAC Members Present:

* Suzanne Rathburn – Community Member
* Sandra Mendoza – Parent
* Christina Acosta – ECISD Teacher
* Shavonica Meyer – Parent
* Tom Lechtenberg – Parent
* Rebecca Rhodes – ECISD District Liaison

SHAC Members Absent:

* Sarah Hinshaw – Community Member
* Dr. Gracie Flores – Community Member
* Tomisin Adenuga – Community Member

Others Present:

* Chelsea Reyes – ECISD Executive Director of Guidance & Counseling and Wellness
* Danny Yeager – ECISD Police Officer
* Jieun Pando – ECISD Director of School Nutrition
* Crystal Day – ECISD Assistant Athletic Director & PE Coordinator
* James Mckown – ECISD Police Officer
* Krista Zeigler – ECISD Director of Guidance & Counseling
* Ali Hernandez – ECISD School Nurse
* Genesis Martinez-Morales – ECISD COVID Clerk
* Ruth Campbell – OA Reporter

**Introductions**

Attendees made introductions.

**Vote on Officers**

* Chairperson – Tom Lechtenberg
	+ Tom Lechtenberg nominated by Christina Acosta, seconded by Sandra Mendoza.
	+ Committee approved unanimously.
* Co-Chairperson – Shavonica Myer
	+ Suzanne Rathburn nominated Shavonica Myer seconded by Christina Acosta.
	+ Committee approved unanimously.
* Recording Secretary – Sandra Mendoza
	+ Sandra Mendoza nominated by Christina Acosta, seconded by Suzanne Rathburn.
	+ Committee approved unanimously.

**Texas Youth Tobacco Survey**

Rebecca Rhodes delivered a short address on the topic of the survey which was as follows:

* Three ECISD schools out of 200 schools across Texas were chosen to participate in the Texas Youth Tobacco survey.
* This survey began in 2008 and is conducted every other year by The Bush School of Public Service and Administration (PSAA) at Texas A&M University on behalf of the DSHS.
* This year Bonham, Nimitz, and PHS were chosen.
* The survey’s questions are geared to see student’s, grades 6-12, relationship with tobacco/ tobacco use. The goal of the survey is to gather data to inform state and local policy-making. The questionnaire would be given to the chosen schools, across 12 classrooms.
* Parents and children can choose to opt out.

Tom Lechtenberg made the motion to open the floor for questions and comments regarding the survey that any members may have.

* Tom Lechtenberg questioned the legality of inclusion of the gender identifying options for question number 2. He also wondered about parental reaction to adding genders.
* Shavonica Myer asked who created the survey. She also mentioned that there would be better responses if there was more inclusion and added that Odessan parents would probably have negative reaction to the addition.
* Crystal Day added that if survey is similar to other ECISD surveys, there would be less pushback.
* The gender question will be brought to the attention of the survey makers.
* Suzanne Rathbun questioned the need for gender inclusion/exclusion in survey if age is focus for survey.
* Crystal Day and Ali Hernandez responded that the survey might be looking at gender and the relationship between it and tobacco use.
* Tom Lechtenberg added that the survey makers could remove gender question when looking at the data collected but not if the question did not appear in the first place.
* Shavonica Myer mentioned that children do not consider e-cigs as tobacco and because of that the survey might not be accurate.
* Tom Lechtenberg added that students do not understand their attachment to e-cigs and the consequences of carrying that and CBD vape pens as that particular type is not unilaterally allowed across state lines.
* Christina Acosta also mentioned that children do not understand that they are smoking nicotine and that they only focus on the flavor of the e-cig.
* Shavonica Myer suggests more question focus on e-cigs.
* Christina Acosta and Chelsea Reyes suggest removing question of free school lunch as the students do not understand/the question will not apply to them.
* Krista Zeigler suggests stopping questionnaire if student does not use tobacco.
* Christina Acosta and Shavonica Myer responded that lack of use of tobacco does not mean children are not exposed to tobacco in their daily life.
* Suzanne Rathbun questioned if ECISD would get to use data collected.
* Rebecca Rhodes will ask if school district can use the data or if SHAC can request it for educational problems and preventative measures.
* Krista Zeigler found that the survey makers could prepare the data for the districts.
* Tom Lechtenberg questions where to publish data collected.
* The SHAC or ECISD nursing website is suggested by Rebecca Rhodes. Tom wants an easy to access site for parents to see data after it’s been presented to school board.
* Suzanne Rathbun asked for Becky Rhodes’ email: Rebecca.rhodes@ectorcountyisd.org for questions and comments.
* Tom reminded members that revisions and questions due to Rebecca Rhodes by Friday, 12-16-2022.

Tom Lechtenberg made the motion to close topic and move to the next one.

**Approve Spring Meetings**

Tom opened the floor to discuss the meetings for Spring 2023.

* Christian Acosta made a revision to previous meeting date in February date as it was a Thursday. Tom made the motion to change the meeting date to February 10, 2023, a Friday.
* Tom made the motion to see if members wanted to make the meeting earlier, instead of original date of February 17,2023.
* Motion passed.
* Crystal Day clarified that early release day will be 2/8/2023 and will not conflict with February 10th meeting.

 - Christina Acosta suggested 2/8/2023 as a meeting day.

 - Motion was not passed

* Tom motioned to approve following days. Shavonica seconded. None opposed.
* Friday, 2/10/2023, 12:00 to 1:00pm
* Friday, 3/24/2023, 12:00 to 1:00pm
* Friday, 4/21/2023, 12:00 to 1:00pm

**Parental Concern Regarding School Threats**

Sandra Mendoza asked the police officers present about leading initiatives toward student made threats and arrests made on campus.

* Officer McKown replied that Texas state representative will be completing safety audits on campuses this year
* Audits have been successful so far.
* Officers have been completing training regarding school threats.
* Officers have been talking to students for both reactive and proactive ways to act regarding student threats in order to to make deterrents in threats.
* Officer McKown mentioned how students do not understand gravity of making threats.
* Officer McKown mentioned dividing responses from parents about the officers’ reaction in handling school threats and how officers’ follow local and state laws regarding this topic.
* Sandra Mendoza asked Police Officer policy in a shooting scenario.
	+ Officer McKown replied that officers were actively being trained for school threat situations.
* Officer McKown mentioned that 3 new officers were hired this week and are currently going through 13-week training course. He is hoping for grant money to hire more officers in summer 2023 to have more deterrents.
* Wanting to get officers to start educating primary school children about drugs, tobacco, violence, and gang violence, but mentioned that manpower was spread thin.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Tom moved to adjourn at 12:46. The motion was seconded by Shavonica Myer.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Genesis Martinez-Morales