

Barbers Hill ISD School Health Advisory Council

Meeting December 6, 2021

In Attendance:

Colleen Goundrey, BHISD, Coordinator of Health Services (co-chair)

Amy Meuth, BHISD ESS Nurse (co-chair)

Cesar Morales, Parent representative

Julie DeTorre, Healthcare representative from Chambers County

Denise Patton, P.E. Teacher at BHISD ECC

Lori May, BHISD Director of Safe Schools

Teeya Thornton, Teacher at BHISD MSS

Pam McDonald, BHISD Social Worker

Pam McDonald volunteered to be recording secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Colleen Goundrey, co-Chair of the council.

The council is in need of a chairperson (preference is that it be a parent member). At our next meeting, we will try to elect a chairperson. Colleen and Amy Meuth currently serve as co-chairs of the council.

Members introduced themselves since this was the first meeting of this school year.

Discussion of Terms

The term for each member to serve on the council was listed on the sign in sheet next to each member's name. Members were asked to notify Colleen in writing if he/she was not able to serve or complete their term.

Overview of SHAC was read by Colleen.

Review of By-Laws

The By-laws were read aloud. Julie Detorre made a motion to approve the By-Laws; Amy Meuth seconded the motion. The By-Laws were approved unanimously.

Wellness Plan

One of the tasks of this council is to solicit input from district stakeholders into the wellness plan. In the past, a survey was sent to campus principals to complete. However, there is some question as to the whether or not the current survey might need to be modified in order to obtain more accurate and relevant information. A sub-committee of the council was formed by volunteers from the council. Those members who volunteered to serve on this committee are Julie DeTorre, Amy Meauth, Teeya Thornton, Colleen Goundrey, and Pam McDonald. It was suggested that this sub-committee meet on Monday, January 24 at 6 p.m. at the LSC. This is one week before the next SHAC meeting (which will meet on January 31). Input from Food Services is also solicited in obtaining needed information for this plan.

H. B. 1525 Human Sexuality Instruction

House Bill 1525 was passed which requires parents to opt their child in to Human Sexuality instruction presented by a school district. In the past, students attended such programs unless the parent chose to opt them out of the program.

BHISD currently uses the "Freedom to Succeed" and "Aim for Success" programs for Human Sexuality Instruction. These programs seemed to best meet the needs and standards of this district when they were adapted in 2012. It was brought up in the meeting that, if there was interest, we could look at other programs that are available. Some discussion ensued about this and it was decided that these programs continued to provide the needed information and emphasis for our students and their parents. Feedback is solicited after the presentations from faculty and students and parent presentations about information in the programs are held the night before the student presentations. The feedback has been positive overall and there have been no parent complaints about the programs or the information that is presented. The consensus of the council was that we are comfortable with the program and do not need to look into any other curricula at this time.

Open Discussion/Questions

A question as to whether we will have a Health Fair this year was raised. The council usually sponsors a community health fair around the first Saturday in May but, due to Covid, the fair has not been held the past couple of years. The fair involves different organizations and groups to provide information on various topics related to health and safety. The consensus among council members was that we should have the event if possible.

The next meeting of SHAC will be on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the LSC.
Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Pam McDonald.