

School Health Advisory Meeting

Date: Monday, May 23, 2022

Time: 2:03 pm - 2:59 pm

Presenters: Erica Garcia, Director of Parent & Family Engagement
Vanessa Cardwell, Good-Heart Wilox Regional Director
Susan Coffman, Nurse Coordinator

In Attendance:

Erica did a roll call for all members to sign in or say present. Fifteen Committee members of SHAC were present.

Minutes of Meeting:

2:03 pm- Erica Garcia, welcomed all SHAC committee members for joining for the final meeting of the year. She read the minutes from the previous meeting conducted on April 27, 2022.

2:09 pm- Recording of the meeting began.

2:10 pm- Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were approved by Michael De La Rosa, Director of Risk Management.

2:13 pm- New Business was introduced to the committee members.

- House Bill 1525 effective June 16, 2021
- Senate Bill 9 effective December 2, 2021
- Adopt two new curriculum for children from 6th through 12th grade.
- Each Texas school board has to vote if the curriculum will be used at campus.
- A questionnaire will be developed for parents to take a survey and agree or disagree with if the new curriculum will be implemented.

There will be a process in which parents have to receive the information that will be presented to the school board, parents have to vote if they would like to implement the new curriculum. Then a town meeting will be scheduled to receive feedback from the community members. Soon after it will go up to the board of trustees for approval in implementing the curriculum to our Secondary level students. Also stated that Good Heart Wilcox is the only Sex Education/ Physical

Ed is the only curriculum approved by the state board of Education. Legal policy Education Code 28.004 (e)

2:20 pm - Erica introduces Vanessa Cardwell -Regional Sales Manager of Good-Heart Wilcox Inc. Soon after she starts by sharing a presentation to the members, in which she gets disconnected by her own device.

2:23pm- Erica then began sharing the Parent SHAC Survey to parents regarding Sex Education being implemented for next school year 2022-2023.

2:25pm- Mrs. Vanessa Cardwell gets reconnected via Google Meets and begins by introducing herself as the Regional Sales manager of Good- Heart Wilcox. She then introduces the members of her team Christina Francisco. Discussed the origin date of Good-Heart Wilcox in 2015 and how it has evolved over the years. Discussed that Award winning authors, teachers helped write this book. Also mentioned that it is primarily for Middle School and High School students. She mentioned that there is a basic level for the book as well as opt in content that contains information about human trafficking, sexual abuse, physical abuse for middle school age. The main content does not require school board/ parent approval, but the opt in content does require approval. For High school students opt in content that requires approval for puberty, STD, HIV/ AIDS, violence prevention. She mentioned that if parent's opt out of their child participating in this health class, the students will then have alternate assignments. Classes will be conducted with material through their computers and a unique login will be given to each child that participates in the health education class. Mrs. Cardwell then opened the floor for questions from SHAC members.

Consideration of Discussion:

2:35pm- Judith Perez Martinez (parent) made a comment about maybe considering starting this curriculum at the 5th grade Elementary level. She also asks what about divorced parents that do not agree with consent for a child to participate. Which parent would have to give consent.

2:36pm- Erica then responds it would have to be a mutual agreement with both parents.

2:39pm- Yvonne Bautista (parent) asked if there would be an additional class for this curriculum or will it be implemented in the current Health classroom?

2:41pm- Coach Freddy Rodriguez then responds by saying that not all secondary level campuses have a health class, so it will later determine how it will be conducted. He also stated that this curriculum is specifically made for students 6th through 12th grade.

2:45pm- Mrs. Dora Peña Director of Food & Nutrition services informed the parents about the summer meal program. Parents have to bring their child to receive a free meal. Children also have to eat on site. She shared all open campus/ meal locations throughout Weslaco.

2:55 pm- Mrs. Erica Garcia informed parents of the upcoming Summer Recreational programs for 2021-2022 school year. She mentioned all summer activities and age groups that will be available. She let parents know the flyer was on our Parent & Family Engagement website for further information and a number they can call to sign up for any activities.

2:59pm- Erica concluded that meeting and thanked all parents for participation in the online Survey to gather information for the new curriculum. This was the last meeting of the school year 2021-2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59pm by Erica Garcia.