

SHAC Council Minutes—February 21, 2018

Members in Attendance:

Hayley Vineyard-Student

Jayden Preston-Student

Floyd Clay- Student

Esteban Garza-Student

Demi Welch-Parent

Jymann Davis-Guest Speaker

Darlene Blackwell-Headstart Nurse

Whitney Walker-Parent

Russell Mawby-Athletic Trainer

Katrina Cruz-Parent

Kathy Potts-District Nurse

- I. Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Kathy Potts in absence of Sue Taylor, Parent Chairman.**
- II. The minutes from November 1, 2017 were read and approved.**
- III. The SHAC Annual Report was given to all members present.**
- IV. Guest Speaker- Jymann Davis from A&M Agricultural Extension –Spoke about programs available to the school district on Healthy eating, exercise programs. Informational handouts were given to members. Lower grade level representatives will give suggestions to their Principals.**

V. School Survey for Members

a. What do you like best about our school and district?

“The administration is taking student reports of problems more seriously and there is a noticeable difference in the response to serious unlawful behavior and the way it is being handled to keep students safe.”--Student

“I’m enjoying my HS years more than ever this year.”--Student

“The enthusiasm of Administrators to make school and learning fun again.”--Student

b. If you could change one thing, what would it be?

“There should be no phones out during class, we are losing an education with all the mess and drama on social media. There are always interruptions in class because of things posted on SnapChat.”--Parent

“That all textbooks be replaced with Chrome Books, and if a student finishes his/her work early, then they can engage in educational items preloaded on the Chrome Book.”--Student

“Improve the communication between parents and activities occurring on each campus. (Call Outs, Remind101, Text messaging) Students don’t always take letters home to parents.”--Parents

c. Do you have any Safety Concerns? What are they?

“Fear of students and parents bringing weapons into our school. We have a lot of students/parents that cannot control their anger and have serious mental issues.”--Staff

“Fear of an intruder being able to harm us at school because doors are not locked or they are propped open. The glass doors are easily broken.”--Staff

“There are several places on each campus where announcements are not heard. (Field House, gyms, DAEP, Auto Tech, Bristro) Is there a plan on how you will notify the teachers in those areas of an emergency?”--Student

“Bullying-through sending social media during the school day. (from the bathroom, in the halls, during lunch, etc)”--Student

“Sending messy videos of inappropriate acts occurring in the classrooms. Students just keep sending things to each other after being asked to stop. It’s time to stop.”--Student

“The disrespect for teachers, administration, and police officers on campus. Students won’t follow instructions. Many students get away with it because they have problems.”--

“I worry about parents that continue to come on school property or at events that cannot control their behavior. They need to be removed without warning.”

d. What could parents do to help make our schools better?

“Volunteer to work at school functions. (Concession stands, school dances, talent shows, tailgating, more visible in the school, read to children, room mothers)”--parent

“Take an interest and be aware of what your child is viewing and sending on social media. Have a talk with them about what is unlawful to send and say at school.”--parent

“Volunteer to patrol areas during school events.”--parent

“Go with your child on Field trips.”--parent

“Be a part of the solution instead of adding to the problem.”--parent

“Be an example and model the behavior you expect from your child.”--parent

“Support academic success, proper behavior, and making good choices with the same enthusiasm as sports.”--staff

e. What can the SHAC Council do to improve our schools?

“Find businesses or sponsors for students to learn outside the classroom (taking a trip to Washington D.C., Beach Clean Up Day, replanting the marshes, repurpose materials found after storms, visit other high schools outside of the Hitchcock area and bring back ideas.)”--nurse

“Bring more activities to the schools like nature centers and science activities (Make and fly Rockets, Catapult pumpkins,

Solve a School-wide Mystery Game one afternoon, a Fall or Spring Carnival, pet daycare, train therapy dogs, An art exhibit, theatre performance, school-wide eco project, etc)”--nurse

“Co-op with agencies that can bring counseling services to students at school, during the school day.”—nurse

“Recruit more parent involvement to serve on the SHAC Committee.”--staff

“Recruit more businesses to the SHAC Committee.--parent

Ask the School Board to create a Bullying protocol and policy. Define Bullying and the consequences attached to this behavior. (Suicide Baiting, inciting violence to another person, Sending indecent photos on social media)”--staff

“Ask the schools to practice safety drills every month and have a plan in place, for Lock-down, Lock-out, Evacuation and Shelter in Place, including communication to parents.”--student

“Ask the district to have a disaster team ready to respond and work with students/teachers and the community during emergencies.”—nurse

IV. The next meeting of the SHAC Council was set for Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 10:00am at Hitchcock High School.

V. The meeting was adjourned at 11:02am.—

VI. Minutes were typed by Kathy Potts, RN., District Nurse/Liaison for SHAC