

Hitchcock ISD



SHAC Committee Meeting

January 16, 2019- Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the **Parent Chairman—Sue Taylor** at 10am. Each member had a copy of the October 10th, 2018 meeting. The minutes were approved. There were 14 members present. This is the largest turn out to date for the SHAC Committee.

The meeting covered several topics:

The first order of business was to discuss SB} 66 : that gives school districts the option to purchase emergency life saving Epinephrine (Epi-pens) as a stock medication in the clinic, which is not specifically assigned to any one student. Many of our schools have 1-2 Epi-Pens BUT we have 25-28 students on each campus whose families cannot afford the \$700 price tag for their children's medication. The committee felt that even though the price tag was high for the school district at \$395 per box/2, that they couldn't put a price on a life, and therefore recommends to the Board that a Policy and Procedure be instituted for our district to stock epi-pens on each campus.

The second order of business: Behavioral Threat Assessment—Our Crisis Counselor is working on some commonalities that tend to emerge among students that are at higher risk of committing terrorist acts. At the School Safety Summit in March 2019, at Region 4, I'm sure we will

be able to bring back some ideas that are being used by other school districts. The Texas School Safety Center will partner with SIGMA Threat Management to deliver training on Behavioral Threat Assessment to school personnel.

Strengthen Campus Security—We still have exterior doors being propped open throughout the district. With so many classes in portable buildings at each campus, those are the entrances being left open. Please make an announcement to all schools that we must take school safety seriously and monitor all exterior doors.

Mandated Emergency Drills – Although TEC 37.108 states that the district EOP must provide for mandatory school drills to prepare district students and employees for responding to an emergency, there is no list of required drills written into current law. The chart below displays recommended minimum expectations for school safety drills in Texas:

Drill Type	Frequency	Recommended Guidance
Evacuation* <i>(fire exit)</i>	One for each month with ten or more instructional days, including summer school months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One announced drill within first 2 weeks of school • One obstruction/blocked primary route drill per semester • One drill under special circumstances (scheduled during lunch or class switching) • Vary day and time when scheduling throughout the year • Alternate use of PA system and actual pull stations around campus via coordination with local fire dept. • Once per year: Consider practicing for an off-site evacuation
Lockout	One per semester	Consider announcing each of these as “drills” to reduce anxiety/stress
Lockdown	One per semester	Consider announcing each of these as “drills” to reduce anxiety/stress
Shelter <i>(severe weather and hazmat)</i>	One per semester	Consider announcing each of these as “drills” to reduce anxiety/stress
Hold	One per semester	Consider announcing each of these as “drills” to reduce anxiety/stress

**Required per State Fire Marshal’s Office mandate, TEA Gov. Code 61.1036 Section 3, F*

Title IX and Federal Law—Transgender and Gender Non-conforming students restroom facilities.

The committee was suggested those students use the Restroom in the office area or close to the office where security and privacy could be monitored.

Nutrition Services

The Director of Chartwells, Doug Hoffman, joined the SHAC Committee this month and gave an overview of the regulations that guide what they can and can’t serve in the public school cafeterias that accept federal funds. He did tell the committee that all schools in the district are receiving free breakfast and lunch this year. In addition, he stated that the menus alternate the school nutrition program on a two-week period and that parents can go to the school website and click on Chartwells to view the menus.

Mr. Hoffman told the student SHAC Committee members that he was working on a soup and salad bar for the next school year. He also recognized that and agreed that school lunches need variety and nice visual appearance, and he was working on that.

District Athletics

The Athletic Trainer announced to the committee that UIL Sports Physicals for the 2019-2020 school year MAY require an EKG on all athletes. This may pose a problem for our district that has 99% of the physicals done free of charge by UTMB Physicians in the Community Health Program.

The question of random drug testing for all students that play UIL sports was raised. It is believed by requiring random drug testing in grades 9-12 as a condition of their participation in competitive sports or activities that all athletes to be randomly tested for illegal drugs undermines the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students involved in extra-curricular activities to refuse to use illegal drugs. It could also be a condition for obtaining a parking permit to park on campus as well.

We had to adjourn before any discussion was able to occur, but will be a focus of the next SHAC Meeting under school health and safety.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Taylor and Kathy Potts