

Tomball ISD School Health Advisory Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Ms. Karen Graves, Director of Administrative Services, opened the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) meeting at 3:30 pm in the TISD Board Room at the TISD Administration Building. She welcomed everyone attending, as follows:

Cathy Pool, Director of Health Services
Whitney Johnson, Director of Child Nutrition
Kevin White, Asst. Director of Child Nutrition and parent
Vince Sebo, Director of Athletics
Kevin White, Asst. Director of Child Nutrition
Trisha Smith, Staff
Rebecca Masciola, Parent
Jackie Estrada, Parent
Jennifer Kratky, Parent
Craig Doherty, Parent
Bob Thompson, Dean of Student Advancement
Marina Montemayor, Community
Stacey Gautreaux, Guest

Karen introduced [Bob Thompson](#), Dean of Student Advancement, who discussed the new TEKS for Health I and Health II adopted by Texas and the new textbooks proposed for this curriculum. Mr. Thompson pointed out that only one textbook was on the Commissioner's list. Tomball ISD only considers textbooks that are on the Commissioner's list. Mr. Thompson also mentioned the district's discussion regarding the high school Health course and whether or not the district should continue to require Health as a credit required for graduation. Clarification was made explaining that 8th graders could take Health, as well, and receive high school credit.

Each member was asked to share thoughts relating to their review of the new health textbook and specifically the companion text which houses the content relating to Human Sexuality and Dating Violence. Mrs. Graves asked members to pay particular attention to the content regarding the Human Sexuality and Dating Violence topics.

Member Thoughts:

- Text is well-balanced; nothing alarming; I don't think Health should be required to graduate
- What happens for students who don't opt in? (answer was they are provided with alternative material for content)
- I do not think health should be required- so much in the book that I don't want my

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- daughter to be exposed to. Not a fan of the book. I do not like pregnant women being referred to as “pregnant people”; surveys are intrusive; risk data not clear
- Not enough information in new textbook; need supplemental resources
 - We should continue to require health because some parents won’t talk about these things with their students
 - There is not enough sex/ed or sexual abuse information
 - Would like information on the percentage of students who take health in 8th grade
 - Can we offer integrated health in PE?
 - My main concern is violence prevention; this is one of the few resources that covers dating violence
 - Kids don’t always talk to their parents

Mr. Thompson reminded the SHAC that textbooks are not curriculum but they are a resource to teach the TEKS and are supplementary. Whether or not Health is required, the textbook would still need to be adopted.

Department updates began with Cathy Pool, Director of Health Services. Cathy discussed the committee formed in response to the District’s Strategic Plan relating to employee wellness and mentioned it would be a long-range plan that we would be working on next year.

[Whitney Johnson](#), Director of Child Nutrition, reported that waivers for free meals for all students will not be extended- everything expires on June 30, 2022. Mrs. Johnson also discussed the probability that supply chain waivers would need to be submitted due to a lack of many supplies not available.

Vince Sebo, Athletic Director, did not have any updates.

There were not subcommittee updates.

Karen reminded the committee to review the textbook and stated members would vote on a Board recommendation at the May 10th SHAC meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.