

Tomball ISD School Health Advisory Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 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
Justun Holder, MHA (community)
Jackie Estrada, Parent
Jennifer Kratky, Parent
Beth Isenhaegen, Parent
Craig Doherty, Parent
Theresa Thomas, 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. Parents must now opt their students into the sex education portion of the health education curriculum. Teachers will be able to view these materials tomorrow and at the district professional development scheduled for Feb 18, 2022. These chapters need to be reviewed by our committee:

Chapter 21 Beginning of Life	21.1 - 21.4
Chapter 14 Relationships & Sexual Abstinence	14.4 and 14.5
Chapter 15 Violence Prevention	15.1, 3, 4
Chapter 19 Sexually transmitted Infections	19.1 - 19.3

These chapters will be extracted from the current health textbook and published in a new supplemental textbook for students whose parents have opted them in for this instruction.

Karen added that an additional SHAC meeting has been scheduled for public review, comments and questions related to the new material. This meeting will be held May 10, 2022. In addition, the next SHAC meeting on Apr 12, 2022 will also be a public meeting. Discussion followed regarding the upcoming changes and the usual instruction process for this curriculum..

Department updates began with Cathy Pool, Director of Health Services. Cathy noted that the number of reported Covid cases in TISD are beginning to decline significantly. Cathy also gave additional information from meetings with Methodist Hospital. She explained that the delay in reporting cases on our dashboard and the Harris County Health Department reporting causes confusion; however, our district trends mirror the county trends for cases reported.

[Whitney Johnson](#), Director of Child Nutrition, reported that her department is producing about 14,000 lunch meals and over 4,000 breakfasts daily. The department is about 50 staff members short for the ideal number for this volume of service. Kevin White, Assistant Director, also reported that supply chain issues continue. It is uncertain at this time but the “free meals for all” program may be discontinued for next year.

Vince Sebo, Athletic Director, discussed the National Federation of Athletics and the academic emphasis being placed on athletes. Tomball High School was a finalist for the national award with an overall 3.76 grade point average. Currently the district has had 42 students sign with colleges on athletic scholarships. This number will increase over the remainder of the semester.

Vince continued with information regarding the campus teams approaching playoffs. He elaborated with his philosophy on building interest in younger athletes at the junior high level. The number of athletes at all levels continues to increase at all campuses.

Cathy Pool offered information about the upcoming Wellness Week and Superintendent’s 5k Fun Fun in April. The run will be sponsored by the Tomball Education Foundation. There will be more focus on employee wellness over the months of March and April. Karen Graves mentioned that SHAC committee members are welcome to participate as volunteers with the Fun Run. All funds raised through the run go back to students through the Ed Foundation grants to teachers.

Parent Beth Isenhaegen asked about ways to promote the positive feedback from her childrens’ campus with the rest of the district regarding additional recess for kindergarten and first graders over the past two years. She would like to promote this for all elementary students and eventually have recess all the way through high school. Karen gave her suggestions for meeting with her principal and Dr. George Flores, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools..

Karen reminded the committee to review the material discussed earlier in the meeting for public review in April. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.