

SHAC MEETING

May 8, 2023

In Attendance: Colleen Goundrey, Natasha Holden, Nichole Holmes, Teeya Thornton, Sarah Strickland, Jessica Watkins, Pam McDonald

Meeting was called to order by Colleen Goundrey who was acting as chairperson in the absence of Dr. Garbs.

Minutes were approved with one correction: Natalie Arteaga was listed as a member in the March 6 minutes. She was, in fact, a guest. Colleen offered to make that change.

Senate Bill 9

Natasha Holden presented her findings on satisfying the requirements for Senate Bill 9. After looking at many programs and curricula, she offered the Safe Schools curriculum for consideration to the committee. The district uses the Safe School training for all staff for compliance training. They also have Safe School videos for students on a variety of topics. The Cybersecurity committee had viewed a few of the videos and given their feedback; however, the final recommendation needs to come from SHAC.

Each of the videos are geared for a specific age group (6-8 grades, 9-12 grades). BHISD has purchased the rights to the complete video library for students and they could be used to fulfill the requirements for Senate Bill 9, but they could also be used with individuals or groups as well as for SEL.

The committee viewed two of the videos that are geared for 6-8 grades on the topic of Human Trafficking. After viewing the videos the members discussed them. Concerns were raised as to the appropriateness of the material for sixth graders. Parents of students would have to opt in for their children to see the videos and parents would also be given an opportunity to preview the videos before opting in for their child to see the video in school.

The human sexuality programs that are presented to sixth and seventh graders whose parents have opted in for their child to participate in the

program might also be an avenue for requirements of Senate Bill 9 to be fulfilled for sixth graders if it is decided that the Safe Schools videos are not developmentally appropriate for them.

The Freedom to Succeed and Aim for Success programs will be presented to sixth and seventh graders this Friday, May 12. A little less than 50% of parents of sixth and seventh grade students have opted in for their student to be a part of the program.

The statement that Natasha wrote regarding the district's plan to address Senate Bill 9 is:

Senate Bill 9 requires districts to offer curriculum to students in the prevention of child abuse (elementary & secondary), family violence (elementary & secondary), dating violence (secondary), and sex trafficking (secondary). The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) recommends the adoption and implementation of the Safe Schools video curriculum to be used to meet these requirements.

Parents/caregivers must provide consent before their child can receive instruction in the specified topics. Without opt-in consent, students will be unable to participate in the lesson(s). SHAC is recommending that the secondary lessons be implemented each year, starting in grade 6, as a tool for awareness, safety, and prevention. Parent communication leading up to these topics will include the option for the parents to view videos ahead of time before granting permission to participate. Additionally, lessons will be delivered in small groups by the counselors and social workers to allow for follow-up questions and discussion.

Health Fair

The Health Fair was held on Saturday, April 29 in conjunction with the City of Mont Belvieu. The weather was cool and very windy and, therefore, there was a lower turnout than expected. There turned out to be several scheduling conflicts with some of the vendors which resulted in about 50% of the expected vendors being present. The group did feel that it is a

worthwhile endeavor despite the lower turnout this year. Suggestions brought up were:

Have a tri-fold display board in the SHAC booth which tells about SHAC and what we do.

Tie the health fair/Spring Fling in with the Mental Health walk to attract more people.

Wellness Activities

Fitness Fusion finished up for the school year in April.

The MDAnderson mobile mammography came for the second time this semester the end of April.

Wellness shots have been being provided every two weeks by Concierge Infusion Services. They will be here one more time before the school year ends.

Open Discussion

A member brought up something that she had participated in while serving with SHAC in another district. Their SHAC members were able to shadow a principal at one of the schools within their district. She felt this was beneficial as it helped the SHAC members become better acquainted with the campuses.

Natasha Holden reported that the district's new state and federal grants coordinator, Ashley Booth, was interested in opportunities to improve the district's Parent/Family engagement. Natasha asked if we had ever offered a "Back to School" event where parents could come and get immunizations, haircuts, learn about district policies, etc. She asked if the members thought that there would be a good response to something like this. There was some discussion on this topic.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

Submitted by Pam McDonald, LMSW