

Notice of School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting
Tomball ISD (*Minutes*)

The Tomball ISD School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) hosts its third regular meeting of the year on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, beginning at 3:30 PM in the Board Room of the John P. Neubauer Administration Building, 310 S. Cherry St., Tomball, TX 77375.

The subjects to be discussed or considered are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice:

1. Opening – Committee signs in

Karen Graves , Director of Administrative Services welcomed everyone and thanked the committee for coming today.

2. Karen introduced two representatives of M Cope, a drug and alcohol awareness non-profit group that promotes drug dangers awareness and sponsors a walkway highlighting students who have died from drug overdoses. M Cope also brings in resources for parents and students that provide facts about drug dangers, particularly fentanyl. The walkway will be at THS on 10/27 and the presentations to students and parents will be 10/26. The program will be expanded to TMHS and possibly the junior high schools in the future. There was significant additional discussion about the program and the importance of educating students and parents of the dangers of drug use.

3. Officer Discussion

Current officers are willing to serve another year if the committee agrees. A vote was taken to signify agreement with the current officers serving another year, which passed unanimously.

4. Subcommittee Discussion

Karen will facilitate subcommittees as they would like to meet during the year. Possible subcommittees could be:

Fentanyl awareness

Physical fitness (required by law)

Mental Health

E-cigarette review

Cell phones

There was discussion regarding the focus of the subcommittees and specific information related to the mental health subcommittee, which could include the fentanyl awareness segment. Becky Masciola will send out information to the committee members who were interested in serving on this subcommittee. There was also discussion about the necessity of the subcommittee for cell phone use in the schools. There may be not enough interest in pursuing this at this point. Beth Isernhagen will head up the Physical Fitness subcommittee to focus on increased recess time for kindergarten and first grade students. David Grimme is interested in school start times being scheduled later in the mornings as a benefit to students. Mark Segaloff would like to head a subcommittee to reduce or refine attendance incentives.

5. Update on e-cigarette and DAEP placements:

The law states that a student found in possession of e-cigarettes or vaping equipment must be placed in DAEP, or in ISS if DAEP is full. As of Oct. 9, there have been 57 total placements on this infraction. This is 37% of DAEP referrals.

4. Closing

Karen Graves thanked the committee for attending today. The next full committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12, at 3:30 pm, in the Board Room of the TISD Administration building.

Karen adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.