



Student Health Advisory Council

Meeting Notes

March 22, 2023

Special Programs Director Cheryl Manchester called the meeting to order and introduced guest presenters Katie Jachade, District Nurse Coordinator and Nurse at Starkey Elementary, and Celeste Barker, Nurse at Hal Peterson Middle School.

Jachade shared an overview of Elementary Nurse Screening and Care Roles. Jachade shared all the state-mandated screenings performed at the elementary campuses as well as care plans for students that are identified as having a medical condition at registration. Conditions that require medical care requires specific orders from a doctor for nurses and staff to follow. Jachade shared that in a two-week snapshot of the elementary nurses' office, the average number of visits to the clinic was 50 visits a day/500 visits in the two-week period and that the majority of reasons for visits to the clinic were falls, nausea/vomiting, ear pain, headaches, allergy-like symptoms and abrasions.

Barker shared an overview of the middle school and high school nurse screening and care roles. She shared the screenings required of students in the secondary levels, as well as care plans. She said care plans are communicated with the student's teachers as well.

After presenting their overviews, both Jachade and Barker answered questions from council members. Both nurses acknowledged the help and support all district nurses receive from campus counseling staff if they feel a student has come in and needs more assistance with processing emotions than having a physical ailment.

Jachade shared that school nurses work within their scope—sometimes they have to remind students that they are a school nurse, not an orthopedic surgeon or gastroenterologist, and they work within the KISD policies and practices. She also said there is a lot of helpful information on the KISD website, under the 'Departments & Services' tab, then 'Health Services' tab.

After members of the council expressed their appreciation for school nurses and all they do for students, Manchester reminded council that the next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023 at 12:15 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room, before adjourning the meeting.