

Fredericksburg ISD
School Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2023 4:30pm
Fredericksburg ISD - District Office
234 Friendship Lane
Fredericksburg, TX 78624

SHAC Members Present: Tatiana Neri, David Pedregon, Gina Seracen, Patricia Smith, Kristi Stafford, Alma Trujillo, and John Willome

SHAC Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sarah Southard, District Coordinator

Others Present: Sarah Salinas

Agenda Topic

Welcome and Opening Remarks

A. Call to Order

Sarah Southard called the meeting to order at 4:37 and asked each member to introduce themselves and tell about their background and interest in the committee.

A. Documentation of Attendance and Quorum

Sarah Southard noted all members were present and the committee had established a quorum for the meeting

Agenda Item #1 - Nominate and Vote for SHAC Officers

- Patricia Smith nominated Alma Trujillo for Council Chair. The motion failed to garner a second
- Kristi Stafford nominated David Pedregon for Council Chair. John Willome seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- John Willome nominated Kristi Stafford as Council Co-Chair. Gina Seracen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- David Pedregon nominated John Willome for Council Secretary. Kristi Stafford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, David Pedregon assumed the position of Council Chair and conducted the meeting.

The members needed to establish the duration of the seven members' terms of service so that three of the positions will be serve one year and the other four positions will serve two years. The following terms were assigned:

- Tatiana Neri: One-year term to expire at the end of the 2023-24 school year
- David Pedregon (Chair): One-year term to expire at the end of the 2023-24 school year
- Gina Seracen: One-year term to expire at the end of the 2023-24 school year
- Patricia Smith: Two-year term to expire at the end of the 2024-25 school year
- Kristi Stafford (Co-Chair): Two-year term to expire at the end of the 2024-25 school year
- Alma Trujillo: Two-year term to expire at the end of the 2024-25 school year
- John Willome (Secretary): Two-year term to expire at the end of the 2024-25 school year

Agenda Item #2 - Approval of August 30, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Patricia Smith made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 30, 2023 meeting as presented. John Willome seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 - Consideration/Approval of Revised By-Laws

Kristi Stafford made a motion to accept the revised bylaws as presented, and Gina Seracen seconded the motion. After robust discussion, two friendly amendments were added to the motion.

- Article VI: Section Five - Since this is not a Council that votes to approve policy, but instead is an advisory council that has a very limited scope of responsibility Article VI: Section Five be eliminated or worded in such a way that the Council will no longer have Public Comments on the meeting agenda. Sarah Southard will check with legal counsel to determine how this needs to be reflected in the final bylaws.
- Article VII - The committee wanted to ensure the Chair has the ability to appoint sub-committees as the Council suggests to accomplish work between regularly scheduled Council meetings. The change to the wording in the second paragraph of that Article was to have it say, "The SHAC may have ad-hoc committees as established by the Chair."

The motion was passed unanimously with these two friendly amendments.

Agenda Item #4 - Action Item: T-CHAT (Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine) to recommend to Board in the December School Board Meeting

FISD Social Worker Sarah Salinas presented the T-CHAT program to the Council. This will provide limited telehealth counseling and psychiatric services to students and, as requested, their parents at no charge to either the parents or FISD. This is a government-funded program to address mental health in schools. There were many questions, including how this program would interact with the proposal from Frontera to establish a school-based clinic at Fredericksburg Elementary School, and the Caritas Family Assistance Network's new MOU with FISD, as well as a concern from Kristi Stafford regarding how children who are started on medications by a psychiatrist through this program will be followed into the future.

John Willome made a motion to recommend the program to the FISD school board with the caveat that Sarah Salinas inform the school board that there was a concern raised by Kristi Stafford about following the children who are started on medication through the program to ensure they always have a doctor monitoring them while they are taking the medication. Kristi Stafford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

- A. Next Meeting Date/Time
November 15, 2023 at 4:30pm
February 21, 2024 at 4:30pm
April 24, 2024 at 4:30pm
- B. Call for Agenda Topics

The committee plans to discuss any subcommittee work we want to see done for the rest of the school year at the next meeting.

Public Comment

- A total of 15 minutes will be allocated for public comment
- Members of the public will be allowed 3 minutes to share comments with the committee

There were no requests for public comment.

Adjourn

Gina Seracen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52. Kristi Stafford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.