

SHAC Committee

Magnolia ISD

Minutes- January 25, 2024

The SHAC committee of Magnolia ISD met on January 25, 2024, at 12:00 PM in the Magnolia ISD Event Center, 11659 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX 77354. The meeting was called to order by Sheri Cantu, Co-Chair at 12:10 p.m.

Members present: Sheri Cantu, Sheryl Tamborello, Robi Yeatman

Members absent: Tamara Portalis, Dr. Kendra Manning

Agenda:

1. Review Purpose
2. Consider Approval of Minutes- Minutes were approved by Sheryl Tamborello and seconded by Robi Yeatman.
3. Discussion for Possible Action Required for Legislation of books for Senate Bill 9 Child Abuse Prevention for Elementary and Intermediate Students
 - a. Audience Participation- there were no audience participants in attendance.
 - b. Members did not have any additional comments regarding the books being considered.
4. Child Nutrition Update- see attached pdf below

Child Nutrition Updates 23-24

Supply Chain Assistance Funds

Magnolia ISD has received several Supply Chain Grants. These grants are used to assist in purchasing milk for the district.

Supply Chain Assistance can be used by school districts to purchase unprocessed and minimally processed domestic food such as fresh fruit, milk, cheese, frozen vegetables and ground meat.

Local Food for Schools (LFS)

Magnolia ISD has received a Local Foods for Schools Grant.

The Child Nutrition Department will use the grant funds to purchase Texas fresh fruits and vegetables.

USDA Commodities

USDA Foods Challenge! Announcing the 2023 Prime Players

TDA has completed the first USDA Foods Challenge. Schools that effectively used 95% of their allocation of foods/brown box through the USDA Foods program earned Prime Player recognition.

Benefits of effectively using USDA Foods

- Serve meals that include quality American grown products at a discounted price.
 - Effectively manage child nutrition budgets.
 - More easily navigate delayed processing timelines.
- Congratulations to our Prime Players! The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has recognized these National School Lunch Program contracting entities for using at least 95% of their allocated entitlement to feed students nutritious meals using USDA Foods agricultural products. It is an impressive feat highlighting their in-depth knowledge of USDA Foods and how to create meals that not only appeal to students but also utilize their financial comprehension of operating a foodservice program in this current environment.

Contracting Entity	ESC Region	Percent Entitlement Used
Magnolia ISD	6	95.13

The Child Nutrition Department uses the entitlement to process foods with many well know manufacturers such as Tyson and Pilgrim's (Chicken), Land of Lakes and JTM (Cheese), Schwan's, McCain's (Potato products) and Tyson and Don Lee (Beef Products).

Awards

Turnip the Beet Award

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. High quality summer meals provide daily energy and help make sure children are healthy and ready to learn when they return to school in the fall. The Turnip the Beet Award program was created to highlight sponsors who are going above and beyond to ensure that children in their care are receiving high-quality meals that are both nutritious and appetizing.

To earn this recognition, these sponsors served local foods and a variety of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. They served low fat or fat-free dairy products and culturally appropriate meals.

Magnolia ISD qualified for in 2018 for a Gold Award. In both the 2021 and 2022 program years, Magnolia ISD earned a Silver Award. We applied for the Gold Award in 2023.

2023 Farm Fresh Challenge

We worked the month of October on the Farm Fresh Challenge. Our students had the opportunity each week to learn a little something about products that are from Texas! Here are some pics from October!



Magnolia Child Nutrition has received the Best of the Bunch award for participation in the Farm Fresh Challenge the last five years.

Upcoming Events:

National School Breakfast Week

March 4-8, 2024

- National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) 2024 materials showcase the theme: Surf's Up with School Breakfast.
- The Child Nutrition Department is working on new menu ideas and fun promotions for this year's breakfast week.

National School Lunch Week (Celebrated October 16-20 at Magnolia ISD)

Highlights of the Week:

- The Child Nutrition Services Department offered several seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables. We offered different fruits such as blood oranges and red pears. We also featured a Farm Fresh Garden Salad with kalera lettuce, yellow cherry tomatoes, marzano tomatoes and cucumbers.
- The Child Nutrition Services Department offered several fun-filled activities during the week from elementary to the high school level.
- At the elementary level, students were given coloring sheets, activity sheets and received a variety of nutrition education stickers.
- At the secondary level, students received activity sheets, nutrition education stickers, and took part in Prize Day, where students who purchased a meal had a chance to win prizes.

Child Nutrition Audit

We recently had a state audit. At this time, there are no findings.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 p.m.