

2023 – 2024

School Health Advisory Council Minutes

March 21, 2024

1. Welcome

2. Attendees: Tammy Pulse, Brian Nichols, Tamy Smalskas, Eric Lannen, Andrew Yeager, Gina Peddy, Brandy Stuart, Jon Fike, Ashley Harris, Linda Elkins, Jeremy Jennings, and Jennifer Schutter.

3. Tammy Pulse provided proposed possible dates for Sherriff Waybourn's parent and student presentation on Narcotics and Trafficking. We are waiting on confirmation from his office to secure the April 17, April 18, or April 25 evening date.

We reviewed STOPit, the anonymous reporting system for the district. We looked at how many reports have been made this school year at each campus and discussed the trends associated with the reports. The reports go to campus admin teams (Principal, AP, Counselor, and SRO). They also go to Brian Nickel, Tammy Pulse, Dr. Smalskas and Captain Hernandez. Once a report is received, the campus conducts an investigation for each report.

The committee heard an update on findings from Lightspeed. Lightspeed Alert is an at-risk student identification tool that monitors and analyzes student online activity (on school-issued devices) for signs of self-harm, violence, and bullying. Once the campus administration receives an alert from Lightspeed, an investigation begins to ensure the safety of all students.

4. Jeremy Jennings provided an update on the science textbook adoption process:

The adoption process started ten months ago with vetting potential vendors using the TEA science Rubric and interviewing different vendors for: 100% TEKS alignment; SBOE approval; Texas Resource Review (TRR) which provides a score for each resource based upon TEKS and ELPS alignment; content and instructional approach; and educator supports.

The Adoption Committee had representation from every campus. The five vendors who scored the highest on the adoption rubric were asked back to present their resources to our committee during a science adoption showcase in January. Staff members then piloted the resource in their classrooms.

The community had an opportunity to review the resources. Based upon the feedback, a second digital review was set up. We communicated this opportunity through the e-blast and community members had the opportunity to review the resources digitally. We are now in the process of synthesizing the teacher and community feedback and are on pace to present our findings to the board in April.

5. Brandy Stuart shared with SHAC members the Growth and Development Parent Letter that goes out to every fifth grade student. She also shared the video links included in the letter. Please review the links included in these notes and let me know by April 15 if you have any feedback.

The meeting concluded at 8:58 AM.