

Minutes of Student Health Advisory Committee

April 15, 2024 – 4:00 pm – LSK Professional Development Room

Meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Mitchell at 4:02 pm. Chair Mitchell stated that a quorum of voting members was in attendance and that the meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting had been posted. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551. Chair Mitchell led the invocation and the pledges to the flags.

Fifteen attendees present were: Amanda Stinson (ISD), Kathy Degeest (ISD), Amy Haws (ISD), Chelsea Hoard (ISD), Michael Mitchell (ISD), Adele Mooney (Community), Sarah Tucker (ISD), Tony Tucker (Community), Erica Wright (MMS Parent), Kerrah Turner (ISD), Lauren Wilson (LSK Parent), Faye Pearson (Community), Britni Hawkins (MPS Parent), Liam Pearson (DSHS), and Tom Kowatch (Reach Council). There were no members of the public in attendance.

Minutes of the 11-13-2023 meeting were presented. Adele Mooney moved for approval. Motion was seconded by Amy Haws. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Kowatch, Reach Council, presented a PowerPoint on the Reach Council's curriculum (attached). The primary focus of REACH is prevention (of unhealthy choices/behaviors). Age-appropriate curriculum is available for all grade levels, free of charge. Kathy DeGeest commented that the Board has approved the partnership with REACH.

A Zoom presentation by Denise Williams, DEA, was facilitated by Kathy DeGeest. Williams, a forensic chemist, provided information regarding drug awareness and symptoms of drug use. Members of the committee commented that they would like to hear further information on Fentanyl awareness, the perception that marijuana and THC is 'not' a drug, and vaping. Ms. Williams will be invited back to provide further details regarding DEA information that would be available.

Discussion on the Back-to-School Fair, scheduled for Tuesday, July 30 at the Middle School gym and cafeteria was held. Amy Haws indicated she would be able to provide information on efforts to collect school supplies with the help of local churches. Holding the vaccination clinic in a more private area was recommended and using the locker room(s) was discussed. There was a comment that a committee for logistics/planning would be helpful. Kerrah Turner commented that there is a list of those from the community who helped last year. Adele Mooney commented that the Lions Club could again greet people as they come in and provide information. Discussion was held regarding need for more electricity for hairdressers' equipment. A committee of nurses and counselors was suggested to serve as the planning committee.

Tony Tucker moved that the recommendation should be made that all nurses and counselors should be members of SHAC, and then he amended his motion to include the recommendation that Athletic and Safety Departments, as well, should have representatives as members of SHAC. Adele Mooney seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Faye Pearson made a recommendation that grade levels be assigned staggered times for the fair to accommodate everyone who would attend.

Mr. Mitchell suggested the following meeting dates for the 24-25 school year: Sept. 13, 2024 - 3:00 pm
November 18, 2024 – 4:00 pm
January 20, 2025 – 4:00 pm
April 21, 2025 – 4:00 pm

Motion to accept meeting dates was made by Amy Haws and seconded by Chelsea Hoard. Approval was unanimous. There will be a special called meeting Monday, May 6 at 4:00 pm to discuss curriculum for REACH and DEA. Motion to adjourn at 4:56 pm was made by Michael Mitchell, seconded by Amy Haws. Approval was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Adele Mooney and Kathy DeGeest