

School Health Advisory Meeting: April 15, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Marissa Mendez, SHAC Parent Co-chair. Members were given notice of the audio recording of the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

Members Present: Whitney Abel, Connie Amaya, Lezlie Baltierra, Ty Davidson, Jaclyn Keller, Elsie Lacy, Kimberly Lee, Denise Manibusan, Marissa Mendez, Nick Metzler, Michelle Pacheco, Maria Rios, Shelly Weber. Guest Present: James Acuna, Executive Director of Operations; Brandon Dunn and Janel Rodriguez, Forever 15 Project

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Nick Metzler to approve the February 12, 2024 minutes as written, seconded by Whitney Abel. All in favor, motion passed.

Public comment – None

Fentanyl Awareness Education – Presentation, Discussion and Vote

The members were informed about a new law that passed during the last legislative session that includes a requirement for Fentanyl education for students in schools in grades 6-12. The District curriculum department reviewed the Forever 15 Project curriculum and recommended this presentation for the SHAC. Janel Rodriguez and Brandon Dunn founded the Forever 15 Project in January 2023 and they have partnered with the Hays County Sheriff's Department to present this curriculum in the community to raise awareness about fentanyl. The curriculum has been presented in schools in Texas and other states. The presentation consists of two parts: 1) facts about fentanyl and 2) the story of Noah. The full student presentation was viewed by the SHAC. The SHAC members verbalized a recommendation for a presentation for parents and also verbalized recommendation for parents to be given opportunity to opt-out their student if wanted. Nick Metzler made a motion to recommend the presentation for use in the District to provide fentanyl education for students and recommended that parents have the opportunity to opt-out their student if wanted. Motion seconded by Marissa Mendez. All in favor.

Wellness Plan

The wellness plan draft was given to the SHAC members. There was some discussion and a decision was made to wait to vote on the wellness plan to give time for more review. The decision was made to have a special called virtual SHAC meeting on May 13 at 5pm to vote on the wellness plan.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 pm