DUNCANVILLE ISD



Annual Report 2023-2024

Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

FFA (Local) Key Points:

The District shall support the general wellness of all students by implementing measurable goals to promote sound nutrition and student health and to reduce childhood obesity. [See EHAA for information regarding the District's coordinated school health program.]

The local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), on behalf of the District, shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques and shall develop nutrition guidelines and wellness goals as required by law.

BDF (Legal) Key Points:

The SHAC shall submit to the board, at least annually, a written report.

SHAC Mission Statement

The Duncanville Independent School District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is a community-based council whose purpose is to:

- Promote the health of students and the school community.
- Promote the development of lifestyle behaviors that lead to lifelong health and wellness.
- Advocate for a comprehensive school health program.
- Serve in a health advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees.

100%

of Committee Members surveyed indicated meetings were informative

100%

of Committee Members surveyed indicated their thoughts and opinions were considered

SHAC Meetings:

October 23, 2023, December 4, 2023, February 26, 2024, April 29, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Role	Name	★ Member
Superintendent Designee	Pamela Brown	★ Member
Business	Rosemary Onuegbu	Guest
Community	Gloria Lockhart	Guest
Parent	Sandra Shields	★ Secretary
Parent	Patricia Milton	★ Member
Parent	Nikki Greer-Hermeth	★ Co-Chair
Parent	Austin Acosta	★ Chair
Law Enforcement	Chief Mitchell Lambert	Guest
Director of Counseling	Shayla Pratt	★ Member
Director of Nursing	Maelene Grant	★ Member
Director of Child Nutrition	Tracey Marcum	Guest
Teacher	Re' Chonnise Means	Guest
Teacher	Tracey Felder	Guest
Counselor	Shaunna Kile	Guest
Campus Administrator	Darwin Brown	Guest
Nurse	Katriena Blackman	Guest
Athletic Representative	Alec Hawkins	Guest

Committee Meeting Topics

Bond Presentation

Dr. Karin Holacka provided an update on the 2023 bond proposal. On August 21st, the board of trustees called for a bond election for November 2023. It has been almost 10 years since the last bond election (2014). The 2014 bond funded primarily elementary and middle school updates. The bond proposal would focus on Pre-K and the High School, as well as district-wide repairs and upgrades.

Mental Health Supports

The Counseling Department provided an update on the district's efforts to address mental health by providing various support mechanisms which includes Calming Corners, SEL Curriculum, Panorama SEL Surveys as well as referrals to outside agencies. The Counseling Department partnered with Care Solace and Metrocare to provide additional resources for our students and staff with the need for additional mental health support.

Suicide Prevention and Protocols

The Counseling Department shared the district's Suicide/Self-Harm Quick Reference Guide. The purpose of the Quick Reference Guide is to provide all of the resources and protocols for the prevention, intervention and postvention of suicide/self-harm in one place.

Safety and Security Updates

Information was shared on the Intruder Detection Audits. The Intruder assessments test current access control and visitor management procedures at each facility. The Chief of Police for the district consults with the city law enforcement agencies on methods to increase law enforcement presence near campuses.

Child Nutrition Update

The Director of Child Nutrition presented information on the new point of sale hardware and software upgrade. The Child Nutrition Department received Gold Status for the Turnip the Beet Summer 2023. There was 50% more fresh fruit and vegetables served. Child Nutrition will provide meals to students of Duncanville ISD during the summer months.

Bullying and Drug Prevention Update

The Directors of Student Services and Student Management and Restorative Practices discussed the district's processes for preventing and addressing bullying, harassment, and threats. They shared the district's anonymous reporting system with the committee. Updates on House Bill 114, mandating DAEP placements for marijuana, THC, and e-cigarettes, were also discussed. The district's drug prevention efforts, including Red Ribbon Week, counseling support, community information events, and cross-departmental collaboration were reviewed.

Health TEKS Overview

The Director of Teaching and Learning shared with the committee an outline of the essential concepts and skills students should learn in health education, including the Goodheart Wilcox Curriculum which aligns with the Health TEKS. The selection of the Health Instructional Materials are reflective of the diverse students and community values of Duncanville ISD.

Employee Health and Wellness Plan

The District Risk Manager and Director of Nursing shared with the committee the joint efforts to provide a comprehensive health and wellness program for all employees. There were several opportunities for employees to participate in various wellness campaigns and challenges. Some of the wellness campaigns and challenges included Line Dancing, Choose To Lose and Heart Health. Recognition is given at the end of the school year to the campuses or department identified as being accident free.

School Health Services Update

The Director of Nursing discussed the ongoing efforts to increase our immunization compliance rate by providing opportunities for students to receive free vaccinations during the school day. School Health services partnered with The Doctor Spot and Parkland hospital to provide the immunizations. Annual health screenings were completed for all required grade levels.

Physical Activity and Coordinated Health Program Update

The Assistant Athletic Director shared the legal requirements for physical education and the options available for students to fulfill these requirements. A subcommittee has been formed to increase physical activity and improve fitness PK-12.

Restorative Practices and Discipline Update

The Director shared that when Restorative Practices are implemented consistently, schools see improved relationships on campus, increased student accountability for misbehavior, and dramatic reductions in rates of suspension, DAEP placement, and expulsion.

Identifying Social and Emotional Learning Barriers and Solutions to Family Engagement

The Director of Counseling facilitated a discussion to identify barriers and solutions to family engagement. The SHAC committee was divided into teams to do a tabletop exercise to explore these barriers and solutions in detail. The group identified communication issues and a lack of knowledge or interest as primary barriers to engagement. Proposed solutions included communicating in multiple languages at every school, increasing staff awareness of available resources, providing child care during activities, and offering flexible scheduling for events.