



Aledo ISD SHAC meeting minutes – November 8, 2021

Welcome ~ Meeting began at 5:32pm, 24 members were present including 21 voting members and 3 non-voting members.

- I. **SHAC Purpose & Mission** ~ Purpose and Mission of the SHAC Committee were reviewed – the purpose of the SHAC is to reflect local community values in the District’s health curriculum and instruction and the mission is *to establish and communicate guidelines and age-appropriate strategies to implement ongoing programs empowering students at all levels to make informed choices for a healthy lifestyle reflective of our community’s values.*
- II. **Public Comment** ~ SHAC meetings are open to the public. Public Comment is part of the agenda at each meeting. No public comment was requested for this meeting.
- III. **Future meeting dates / times** ~ Future meeting dates of January 24, March 7, and April 25 were reviewed.
- IV. **Minutes from October 14 meeting** ~ The minutes from the prior meeting of the SHAC on 10.14.21 were shared with the members before the meeting. Opportunity was given for membership to discuss or suggest revisions to the minutes. No suggestions or revisions were made.

- V. **SHAC Bylaws** ~ The proposed changes to the bylaws were presented at the October 14 meeting and each of the suggested edits were reviewed. It was suggested at that meeting that more time be given to review the changes and they be reviewed again at the November 8 meeting. The proposed changes to the SHAC bylaws were shared again prior to this meeting and each of the suggested edits were again reviewed and discussed during this portion of the agenda. A request for any additional amendments or comments regarding the proposed changes was made. No comments or suggestions came forward from the group. The proposed changes to the bylaws were put to a vote, and passed 17-1. The newly revised bylaws will be shared with members and posted to the AISD website soon.

- VI. **COVID-19 Update** ~ A short overview on COVID-19 cases and the AISD dashboard was presented and reviewed and included recent trends related to case counts.

- VII. **Character Education** ~ An update on the status of the determination and implementation of the character education program, the Positivity Project – presented and discussed at the October 14 meeting – was shared. A timeline for the implementation and details of an accompanying character education recognition program were detailed. Additionally, the matter of potentially changing content by P2 staff was addressed and follow-up from P2 was shared. The staff at the Positivity Project will not permit unlimited access to the P2 content to parents through the school year. The agreement with P2 staff is that they will provide ongoing updates to AISD staff regarding any changes that are made to any content to be presented to kids at least two weeks prior to that information going before kids. These changes will be reviewed by District staff and reviewed with SHAC members as they become known.

VIII. **Vaping Video Preview** ~ Some background was given regarding a video currently used as part of the District's Vaping Prevention Plan. Currently, students committing a first offense for vaping are suspended from class for 3 days (in-school suspension or ISS) AND must watch a video, respond to some reflection questions related to the video, and have a meeting with an intervention counselor to review and discuss the student reflections. The video used in the process was published in 2018 and speaks to Juuling and vaping. Students themselves have told staff that the video is outdated and that Juuling really is not a thing anymore. A new video, published in early 2021 by the same vendor, was previewed with the SHAC membership to see about replacing the 2018 video with something more current. Following the playing of the video, much discussion followed. Many comments by members were related to the tone of the video not seeming to portray hope for the individuals shown for breaking their habit of vaping. Also, members expressed a feeling that the teens in the video seemed to enjoy their habit of vaping. Additional comments noted that vaping is a big problem with kids in AISD schools and also worry that watching this video could potentially trigger some cravings for students who are watching and do enjoy vaping. A request was made to review the current video being used to have as a baseline for comparison to this one being previewed. Members made suggestions for other potential resources to consider for other vaping videos, possibly in-person lessons with kids, or even the District creating its own vaping education video. The discussion concluded with not taking any action on replacing the current video and exploring other options and allowing members to preview the current video if that was desired. The options for a new vaping video will be reconsidered at the next meeting of the SHAC in January.

Adjournment ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm