SHAC Meeting Note 12/4/24

Meeting start time: 1:09pm

Audio Recording

Introductions - introduced Jennifer Garrigan, new Director of Counseling and Health

Services Human Sexuality Curriculum Subcommittee Presentation:

- Background presented - last several years of Lifeguard
- Current Situation - Summer of 2024, Lifeguard reached out letting us know that would start outsourcing their curriculum
    - State law requires SHACs ensure that local community values are reflected in human sexuality education instruction
    - State law requires an opt out - we currently require opt in and opt out.
    - Not required under Texas statute
    - Overview of new TEKS, as of 2020
    - Milestones = subcommittee explore curriculum and report back - all agreed the committee wanted to see more options
    - Subcommittee Updates: request materials from 4 additional providers including Talking About it Texas, Draw the Line/Respect the Line, Goodhart-Wilcox, and Living Well Aware (fka Baylor, Scott & White). Discussed timing and priorities, TEKS alignment, use of facilitators vs teaching staff, and vendors who cover all grades/TEKS vs having to onboard/adopt multiple providers.
        - Providers narrowed down to Choosing the Best (approved by SBOE), Goodhart Wilcox (approved by SBOE), and Living Well Aware (TEK alignment)
        - Timeline = future subcommittee meetings and SHAC meetings bn now and March 2025 to discuss options, will vote on curriculum at SHAC meeting on 3/26/25 and decision presented to School Board 4/16/24, SHAC to address follow up and School Board to vote on curriculum at School Board meeting on 5/21/25.
        - Question about current middle school health class = can we add on some of this curriculum to current health classes? Answer = would need to be discussed with C&I Dept and several departments in order to include sexual health in the health curriculum.
        - Not many options for facilitators to come into each campus to present curriculum = almost have to rely on our teachers/staff to teach. Also keep in mind our budget and deficit.
    - Group Discussion:
        - Request to have a C&I Dept. members join a meeting for input.
        - Weigh options of having outside facilitators vs having our teachers/staff teach the curriculum - keep in mind pressures that are put on our

teachers for having these discussions.

- Question regarding difference in cost of the three curriculums - there is a significant difference, which is dependent on whether or not they provide facilitators.
- Be aware of curriculum including any controversial topics such as religion.
- Student committee member states she feels that the message gets delivered better/differently when a facilitator delivers more effectively rather than their teachers.
- Mention of Dripping, Eanes, and Round Rock ISD adopted Goodhart Wilcox - reach out to them? Jennifer Garrigan states she will reach out.
- Do we have the budget for Goodhart Wilcox - we do have the money but need to look at what's best then look at funds.
- Rough math = approx $15 per student is what has been budgeted for in the past.
- Consider the fact that if we need to train teachers on a new curriculum - we would have to do that throughout the school year and pay a sub to cover their time away from the classroom. NOTE: It took Round Rock ISD one year to train the teachers.
- Suggestion = go ahead and vote on whether to use a company that supplies facilitators or not? Voting on that now may cut the subcommittee's valuable time.
- Budget question = where does the money go if we do not use it for this curriculum? It stays in the budget and would help the deficit.
- Eanes has a health teacher that teaches all of the curriculum at the middle school level - a different system which would take several years to change.
- Suzi Menfi spoke as a former educator stating she would not have wanted to teach this curriculum, she believes her former colleagues would not want to teach this either.
- Keep in mind this is all completely optional by all students/parents
- Clarification = School Board and/or SHAC members, in theory, can always come back before the 3 year restructuring to adopt a different curriculum - it is not set in stone for 3 years.
- Health class requirement for LTHS students was approved by SHAC
- May want to work towards having Health teachers at secondary level like Eanes does - will need to include C&I.
- Will need to wait for 2 total public meetings to place a vote, are not able to vote today.
- Can we make a phased implementation?
- Can we make this subcommittee ongoing each year?
- Checklist and Scoring Rubric shown on screen during the meeting. Add days of instruction.
- Recommendation = create a Google form sent to SHAC to rank priorities to rank care for teacher, who teaches the curriculum, budget/cost effectiveness, rollout time etc.

- Goodhart Wilcox feels neutral
- Round Rock ISD is in the process of revising their current curriculum again. Tasha Barker reached out due to the fact that they developed their own curriculum. She will reach back out to them. Leander is also renewing their curriculum.
- The Subcommittee will meet next Friday, Google Form will be sent out on Rubric and an update will be given at the Jan meeting.
- Tasha Barker asks SHAC to send out information to teachers for their input and have results before the Jan meeting. (science/biology teachers - sent to Dept. Chairs - Principals would decide who those individuals would be). SHAC agrees and Jennifer Garrigan will send out info to campuses.

SubCommittee Work:

- Bullying Subcommittee - improve community norms and standards and address behaviors on campus by students and behaviors from parents/guardians. Discuss ways to educate and inform on how we create safety/trust amongst our students and families and offer workshops to address kindness, inclusivity, coping, conflict resolution, and stress-management.
- Technology Use Subcommittee - Conversations and collaboration regarding cell phone use at high school level. Reflect on current policy enforced at elementary and middle school levels. Collaboration on digital citizenship.

FANS update: need to set time aside to discuss Wellness Policy - will be soliciting time from SHAC in the Spring

Meeting adjourned at 2:12pm