December 2, 2024 SHAC Minutes:

Meeting called to order and approval of minutes.

Members present: Jennifer Johnson PA; Regina Suttle RN, BSN (School Nurse), Ivy Mendez (parent, Frontera), Stephen Curry (Ministry)

School Updates – Regina Suttle: Coach Strickland is back as full-time principal of Elementary School. Jordan Macha is now the math teacher for fourth and fifth grade.

We had a surge of sick kids, but that is calming down now, helped by additional measures from staff, janitorial services. Most of the ill students were Middle and High School.

Frontera Report – Ivy Mendez: Frontera in partnership with Kimble Hospital was successful in bringing the mammogram bus to Junction on November 18th, and individuals in the community were able to receive their screening mammogram. Frontera continues to offer clinical psychology virtual visits, available for ages five through adult. Patients do not have to be Frontera clinic patients to receive services. Contact Brady clinic to be scheduled. The JISD health Club met last month and took a tour of the Kimble Hospital, the local Frontera Clinic and Health Center pharmacy. The Health club assisted in selling breast cancer awareness items to raise funds for the mammogram bus. Frontera appreciates this collaboration and looks forward to continued events with the school. John Guerrero continues to see children in the school weekly for counseling services. This has been successful and provides opportunities to extend behavioral health services. If anyone would like to be added to John's school visits, please contact the Junction Frontera Clinic.
I serve as the outreach coordinator, and I offer assistance to anyone who needs help with application for services such as Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps), disability through Social security, Medicare marketplace, or other resources. I am certified to help with the marketplace, serve 5 counties, and am bilingual.
Frontera is also partnering with Stephanie Stewart (Church of Christ) for the Community Angel Tree.

Stephen Curry, Ministerial Alliance – With the assistance of donations we have been able to increase our aid. We have given over $60,000 in aid this year and it continues to increase. We give assistance for things like utilities, pharmacy, etc.
The Church of Christ is hosting the Angel Tree this year. Both London and Junction Food pantries are also providing coats this year. Hunting Season has brought more meat donations, and we have also received some orders from the San Angelo bank, so our pantry stock is more stable. Tina Haynes, retired secretary of the high school, has been coordinating both monetary and non-monetary donations. For example, she helped coordinate flooring repair for a local family with several young children. If anyone knows of a physical need, or that type of mission work for the church, please contact either Tina Haynes or the Methodist Church.

We are also starting our big fundraising events. The Christmas Cantata is December 8. Proceeds from the offering will help support the Food Pantry.

We are also looking for volunteers for our mission work.

Junction Medical Clinic/Kimble Hospital, Jennifer Johnson– Kimble Pharmacy is open and filling prescriptions. It is temporarily located in the hospital, but work on the new building is expected to be completed soon. They are also working to complete contracts with some insurance companies, but offer very low cash pay prices.
There was an uptick in viral illness, but that seems to be improving. We are also focusing on the dangers of vaping education to children. That seems to be a constant.

Shelby Macha (School Resource Officer) coordinated a program at the middle and high schools to address it as well. Vapes continue to be a big problem because of manufacture marketing, and also the ability to fill cartridges with illicit drugs and other substances

Additional Announcements:
The Junction Football team has been extremely successful this year, setting the highest average number of points per game. They have broken the record set by the class of 1969. Elementary School and Middle School also have UIL competition this week.

No other business.

Meeting Adjourned.