

SHAC COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES

February 11, 2025 / 3:30- 4:30 PM

WELCOME

- Karen Graves, Director of Administrative Services

STUDENT ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW

- Mark White, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Governmental Relations
- Mark explained the district's attendance policy and accountability; data is gathered for various analysis throughout the district; with proper paperwork there are exemptions from the state that do not count towards absences; ultimately want to make sure students are safe and in the right places
- Question from member about high school finals exemption policy (concern that kids are going to school sick to still qualify for exemptions)
- Karen- the handbook is updated and has information about these policies; there is a waiver they can submit (if over the allotted days) by a certain date with legitimate medical/religious notes; state does not decipher excused/unexcused; fine balance: we want to incentivize attendance but also let them know it is ok to miss if needed
- How do we communicate this information to parents? Information is communicated multiple times at the beginning of high school year it is explained. Students can also refer to the handbook; we can help bring attention and announce it to others; often the older kids self -manage and are responsible to know this information.

- Question: can we get a percentage of how many students apply for the waiver and actually are approved and receive the exam exemptions? Karen Graves indicated she would try to get the information.

COUNCIL ON RECOVERY - POSITIVE ACTION CURRICULUM REVIEW

- Steven Shiels, Director of Guidance and Counseling
- 4th grade curriculum- a couple parents raised concern about the descriptive drug verbiage, is it appropriate for this age group and are teachers prepared for it?
- Context of what the material is used for: council and recovery students are identified, parent's approval required to participate, will meet once a week in a small group led by guided counselor, can tailor lessons for students
- Program is funded by Health & Human Services, provided to district at no cost, been around for a couple decades
- Karen Graves asked for a show of hands- all members were in favor of the positive review of this material
- Hope Squad quick update: all 3 high schools are using it and going well!

SUB COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Question: How do we make sure there is recess equipment at the new 5th grade campus? Most likely, the feeder campus PTOs will help fund that. Beth will try to reach out to them to work on that.
- Get in touch with Karen for more sub-committee interest so she can connect you to the right people

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- Nutrition Update, Whitney Johnson: salad bars are implemented once a week at the high school campuses; hiring is up and down, 2 hired today; waiting to see what changes might happen with new Secretary of Agriculture
- Health Services Update, Cathy Pool: flu A and B going around; highlight the Superintendent Fun Run April 12- sign up, get word out, ways to participate and credit your campus affiliation as it benefits teachers, sponsor sign up on website

NEXT MEETING April 15, 2025

MEETING CLOSED 4:34PM