

STISD SHAC MEETING

February 13,2025

South Texas ISD Administration Building

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Marcos Flores at 5:35pm.

Attending: Araceli Pina, Alicia Rios, Armando Salinas, Rocio Calderon, Amy Pena and Marcos Flores.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Amy Pena, second motion by Armando Salinas. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Youth Mental Health AID

Mr. Flores introduced District Wellness Counselor Maricela Hinojosa. Ms. Hinojosa mentioned that South Texas ISD has 4 district wellness specialist, three social workers and one clinical social worker. Power point presentation with title Education Code Section 22.904 district Data presented by Ms. Hinojosa. She discussed TEC section 22.904 mental health training for all district employees. Training is evidence based designed to help students who are experiencing a mental health issue. Three-year certification. Training is called Youth Mental Health First Aid. In the past, it was a one-year online certification: now it is an in - person training. The district is in partnership with Tropical Texas who assists with the training. First group of teachers trained in 01/2024. District employees currently trained are 224 which is 32%. As per HB3 requirements for the beginning of 2025-2026 25% of employees are mandated to be trained. Our district is far ahead of the requirements.

Armando Salinas asked, how long are the trainings?

Ms. Hinojosa answered, 6hrs.

Rocio Calderon asked if training could be available for the community as well.

Ms. Hinojosa answered yes, she will look into it. Continues explaining that transportation department has had training in the past and that all employees have going thru the Safest Safety Plan. Which shows staff how to respond if students are in distress.

Rocio Calderon explained she has gone thru the training, agrees that it is very interactive. Asked if there is a reminder or refresher since the training is every 3 yrs.?

Ms. Hinojosa answered the Safest Plan is reviewed twice a year. In the beginning then the end of the year.

Araceli Pina requesting to see graph again. Asked why does RSA have the least employees trained?

Mr. Flores answered due to the number of new employees and retired employees threw off the numbers. As a matter of fact, we are ahead at 32%. This year we still have more training in May then again in August. The plan was to train teachers first because of how much time they spend with the students. By May/August should be in the 50% range.

Armando Salinas clarified as a district needs to be at 25% for 2025-2026 school year not a certain school. When will transportation be trained?

Ms. Hinojosa answered in the summer. Mr. Flores also states that bus drivers are also the school custodians They need to look and see when the time does not affect the campus.

Armando Salinas asked Do the bus drivers have a plan?

Mr. Flores answered They have been exposed and know what to do.

Training for School Nurses on Epilepsy

Mr. Flores reports that all nurses are RNs and have the training to assist students with epilepsy. Nurse require the training to be compliant with the state.

Rocio Calderon states that the Central and South Texas Epilepsy Foundation has many resources and if they would be offering the training? Continues to speak about Sam's Law and says that epilepsy can happen at any age. Especially during the teenage years around Jr. High or freshmen yrs.

Mr. Flores answered the need for more parent and community engagement.

Policy Update 124

Mr. Flores explained staff is trained to report child abuse, and to report within in the 48-hr. period. The reporter now has to identify themselves, in the past the person could be anonymous.

Discussion on Parent and Community Engagement

Mr. Flores asked the committee what are some of the ideas to get parents more engaged? What would the committee like to see in the future?

Rocio Calderon asked if a survey has been sent to the community vs implementing something. Usually parents more concerned with academic and steer away from other discussions.

Mr. Flores states last year district partnered with Parent ProTech which promotes online safety. For example, there are short videos targeted for parents to learn more about online media.

Amy Pena: Continued to say that it gives the parents the tools and knowledge by grade level for online safety.

Mr. Flores announced a message from Amanda Odom coming this week called Safer Internet Day. ProTech is available for all families. The district paid for a license.

Armando Salinas asked How can we communicate information for parents? Virtually, in health fairs. There needs to be activities for the kids.

Rocio Calderon suggest maybe having a booth for parents in open house or during the showcases.

Armando Salinas also gives examples such as reaching out to the universities, home depot where kids can learn how to grow a plant, and breakout rooms.

Mr. Flores spoke about a college session which happened a few weeks ago. States it was very successful. Advised parents to speak to their counselors Will suggest to add ProTech resource on social media.

Meeting Adjourned

6:15 pm Amy Pena motioned to adjourn the meeting. Armando Salinas second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.