

School Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

02/20/2025

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Administration Building, Dining Room

802 N Sam Houston

Odessa, Tx 79761

Call Meeting to Order:

Tom Lechtenberg initiated the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

SHAC Members Present:

- Tom Lechtenberg – Parent
- Laren Lucio – Parent
- Monique Lopez – Parent
- Abigail Carrasco – Parent
- Sara Hinshaw – Community Member
- Jennifer Weston – Community Member
- Christina Acosta – ECISD Teacher

SHAC Members Absent:

- Mollie Vega – Parent
- Amy Marquez-Pando – Parent
- Lupe Torrez – Parent
- Roxann Castillo – Parent
- Abena Cann – Parent
- Mellessa Brenem – Community Member
- Baldo Valeriano – ECISD Teacher

Others Present:

- Mellisa Butts – Police Department
- Reyes Smith – PBRCADA
- Erika Lujan – PBRCADA
- Megan Cardenas – PBRCADA
- Amanda Castellanos – ECISD School Nurse
- Ali Hernandez – ECISD Director of Nursing & Health Services

- Taylor Laing – ECISD Executive Director of Guidance Counseling and Support Services
- Shawn Routh – ECISD Director of Guidance Counseling
- Daniel Ramirez – ECISD School Nutrition Dietician
- Molly Castillo – ECISD School Nutrition Specialist

Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

Jennifer Weston made the motion to approve the January meeting minutes and was seconded by Christina Acosta. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Presentation:

- Jennifer Weston and Reyes Smith with the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse presented the “Positive Actions” curriculum that was implemented this school to fulfill the requirements of HB 3908.
 - It is an evidenced based program reviewed and endorsed by US Department of Education for PK – 12th grades that is funded through state and grant funding.
 - Program aligns with TEKS.
 - Certified prevention specialists provide the education.
 - Focuses on Social Emotional Learning to help student development self-management and responsible decision-making skills.
 - Curriculum includes 22 units presented over 10 weeks. Each unit takes about 35-45 minutes to complete depending on the age group of the students.
 - Fentanyl education includes teaching students to not take any pills from other students because they don’t know what other drugs may have been added.
 - The goal is to provide this education to all middle schools by the end of the school year.
 - The floor was opened for questions:
 - Tom Lechtenberg reviewed the reasons that the SHAC chose to recommend this program.
 - Christina Acosta asked what the lure is for students to buy and take pills.
 - The desire to succeed and the promise of certain pills to improve performance.
 - Peer pressure and students are being told it’s something else.
 - Some students already have an addiction to drugs and Fentanyl is cheaper than other drugs.

Presentation:

- Amanda Castellanos, ECISD School Nurse, reviewed current policies and procedures, recommendations and future planning for managing lice at school.
 - Current ECISD policy does not require that students be sent home for lice.
 - TEA does not take a stance on lice management but encourages school districts to develop a policy.
 - DSHS, CDC, AAP and NASN do not recommended students be sent home for lice and “no nit” policies are highly discouraged.
 - Recommends early detection and education.
 - Current procedures presented with recommendations to improve reduction in recurrent cases.

- Opened the floor for questions and feedback from SHAC.
 - Tom Lechtenberg asked if any classroom modifications are made when there are cases of lice in a classroom.
 - Taylor Laing reviewed the current procedures and modifications made in classrooms to help prevent the spread of lice.
 - Sara Hinshaw asked how it's determined that a family needs additional resources to help with lice management.
 - Ali Hernandez reviewed how it is determined that a family may need additional resources and how Community Outreach assists with getting these needs as well.
 - Tom Lechtenberg stated that he appreciates that the district is following recommendations in which students are not sent home for lice and the parents are provided with education and resources to help manage lice.

Meeting Adjourned:

Sarah Hinshaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jennifer Weston seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.