

SHAC Meeting on 3/19/2024

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Cassie Street

Attendees: Kendra Morris, Cassie Street, Allie Gaines, Melody Hawkins, Susan Brown, Angela Fitzgerald, Rebecca Piantini, Karen Bennett

New Business:

Review of information regarding attendance for the Just Say Yes program that SHAC recommended and was approved by the board. Since law went into effect that all human growth and development programs require for parents to opt into the program for their student to attend, numbers have decreased especially in the upper level schools. This is very noticeable in the High School.

5th grade programs at all elementary schools continue to have high attendance. It is easier at this level to send home a paper for parents to sign and return to the home room teacher.

Middle School last year had 829 students attend from the total number of students of 1658. This year there were approximately 300 in attendance with a total of 1543 students. There were barriers to participation this year. There was a glitch with the google document that was used for consent and parents were having trouble with the form and link. Parent presentation night was changed late in the afternoon by the Just Say Yes people since they did not have a presenter available for the 7th and 8th grade program on the scheduled date. It was moved to the next evening for the main campus. It is overwhelming for one person to keep up with all three grades of consents for the program. A better system needs to be in effect moving forward if we continue the programs at the Middle School. It was asked if Skyward would have a way for a form to be signed for the program since parents are familiar with that system.

High School had 42 people attend this year when total number of students in 9th and 11th grades is 1083. Last year 120 attended with a total of 1078 students. This year parents received an e mail with a PDF to download and scan or physically return to school. Cassie Street said it was several steps to get the form back and many parents would not do that process and many students would not turn the form in at school. Students that are authorized to attend opt not to come to the presentation at this age.

I recommended that we end the program at the High School level since it costs \$1075.00 and we have such low attendance. We looked at moving the legal program to 8th grade and then each level at the Middle School would have a separate program. Just Say Yes said that they would get back next week with pricing. We need to look at cost effectiveness of the program and how would the material be presented if we recommend removing Just Say Yes from the curriculum. It was asked if Suite 360 had some of the materials available for presentation such as on sexting. Angela was going to check on programing and in the past Suite 360 has created programs when asked on a topic. A question arose to the TEKS that are covered by Just Say Yes and is there somewhere else these could be presented such as in Health Class.

We did not have enough information currently to decide on programing or changes without knowing the cost of the programs for next year since there will be a price increase for upper level schools. The

elementary costs will stay very close to the same cost as last year. We also did not have a quorum at this meeting.

Information will be shared either by another meeting or by email for a vote. Any changes to the program need to be voted on by SHAC and presented to the School Board for approval. Decisions need to be made this year since the information on Human Growth and Development programs is part of the student handbook and it would need to be changed.

Back to School Bash

Asked if we want to continue with Health Fair information at the Bash and SHAC participation. It does meet requirements for community education and involvement. I asked for people to assist with suggestions for programming and that if we commit to assist we need to follow through with ideas and participation.

Ideas for programs were helmet safety with biking and skateboarding. Possible helmets to be given away or raffled at the event. There will be mental health information, Reach, Poison Control, car seats, rollover car, school supplies, shot clinic, Lion's eye exams and not heard back from dental with Hope Clinic yet. Cassie said that there is a bike rodeo by Scottish Rite and Lion's on April 13th in Dallas with raffles. She will look into that program to see if we can get sponsors for a Bike Rodeo during our event. Impact magnets on Drug disposal can be shared at this event to educate parents.

It was suggested to have a SHAC table to inform parents and community about SHAC and recruit interested people to be on the council.

Information will be shared with a spread sheet on the Back to School Bash and information regarding Just Say Yes will be shared by email or another meeting to vote this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50