Minutes from S.H.A.C. Meeting
April 2, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Stephanie Schuette

Welcome/Introductions

Call To Order

Attendance
Members Present:

- Leo Cano, Safety Director
- Ruben Medrano, Truancy Liaison
- Nancy Moreno, Connections
- Aurora Hernandez, Maintenance Director
- Maria Flores, ACE 21st Century Director
- Tammy Garcia, ACE 21st Century Program Specialist
- Melodie Wallace, Secretary

*Attendance qualifies for quorum

S. Schuette: Asked for minutes from the last SHAC meeting to be read and accepted. Mrs. Wallace read minutes aloud to committee members. Mrs. Schuette made a motion to accept, seconded by Leo Cano, unanimous vote to accept.

S Schuette: Instructed attendees to review the contents of folders.
Acknowledgement of Handouts:

- Meeting Agenda
- "SHAC Mental Health Questions/ Student Voices" handout
- "Reset and Recharge Strategies for Educators" handout

Discussion of Agenda Topics: Attendance Concerns and Action Plan, Food Service and Athletic Updates, SHAC Student Voice Question/Screener, MISD Health Fair, Questions and Comments, Open Discussion

Community Liaison/Truancy Ruben Medrano spoke about his concerns regarding truancy and stated that more collaboration is needed amongst campuses. Mr. Medrano stated that he has not had enough opportunities to meet families face to face to discuss school absence policies and services offered to families to help combat truancy. He would like to know when each campus is hosting their registration nights for the next school year, as this was typically the best opportunity to meet MISD families. He would like to add his "Attendance Matters" handout to each campus registration packet. He stated that personal communication is missing, everything is done online or via Facebook messaging. He also stated that we need more assistance from our local JP to work with families that are "Show Cause" and are not

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deterred by fines. He stated that JP has a new plan of action to take effect soon. We need help handling families that do not care about community service or other conditions that are to be met in conjunction with MISD and JP. Melodie Wallace suggested reaching out to Triple P Parenting program via 21st Century to possibly work in tandem with JP to stipulate a series of parenting classes as a condition that must be completed for truancy cases, while also increasing participation in the 21st Century sponsored program. Nancy Moreno stated that a previous JP was very successful handling truancy cases by making parents complete several activities as part of their conditions, including community service hours.

Community outreach has also been on the decline. The Volunteer Banquet has had a poor turnout in the last couple of years. Mr. Medrano stated that we need to reach out to ALL types of MISD volunteers, not just the brick-and-mortar businesses. He stated that he would like to include parental volunteers that are always willing to help transport equipment to various functions, willing to help tow trailers, willing to help monitor our students at events. Each local business or civic group, community member and/or staff member that assists MISD should be invited to the banquet. He will ask each campus to broaden their invitation list to ensure each party is being considered and appreciated, even if they cannot attend.

Open Discussion

- Mr. Medrano stated that he would like to have student groups perform at the volunteer banquet as a proper "thank you" to all parties that have been supporting them.
- Maria Flores/ Tammy Garcia suggested having One Act Play perform as a "dinner and a show" concept
- Melodie Wallace suggested reviving the "Mathis Has Talent" talent show to allow all families of all campus level students to participate and engage with the school and community. Currently, most student/family engagement is held by students that belong to a specific academic or athletic club. Families that do not have a child in a recognized group do not have many opportunities to participate in events nor do they have many opportunities to volunteer. We want to make sure that each interested parent has a chance to volunteer.
- Nancy Moreno and Leo Cano state that the talent show was very popular in the past.
- Mrs. Schuette was excited to announce a new "Kindness Club" will be formed next year. The club will aim to teach students proper etiquette, manners and techniques to support each other.
- Mr. Cano stated that he led a similar club years ago and taught students how to dress and groom properly, how to speak in formal settings, and that the club was successful.
- Aurora Hernandez stated that she agreed that more face-to-face opportunities are needed for our community. She stated that she is excited to participate and assist in any way possible to organize/coordinate in-house meetings and events for the community.
- Mrs. Schuette stated that she would like to plan a "Back to School Bash" for August for entire district to encourage preparedness, relieve stress.
- Mr. Medrano would like more "Attendance Matters" signage at the entrance of each campus.

No further questions or comments.
Motion to adjourn: Stephanie Schuette
Second: Leo Cano Adjourned at 10:54am