SHAC Minutes

April 30, 2025 at Noon

Junction Middle School Library

Members Present: Jennifer Johnson PAC (chairperson), Erin Guerrero (parent, CASP), John Guerrero (parent, counselor), Renee Braswell (middle school counselor), Stephen Curry (minister), Amy Simon (middle school principal), Summer Henderson (elementary counselor), Regina Suttle (school Nurse)

Meeting was called to order. Minutes from last meeting discussed. No updates.

Erin Guerrero (parent/CASP): CASP is going to be in their new building either tomorrow or Monday. We are starting a Mother's Day out program that does not affect the school system or anything. Next year, we are interviewing for a preschool teacher for CASP. So, this will be a small number of kids with few spots available. These students will need to be enrolled at Junction ISD. The reason for is we have a lot of siblings that are not coming to CASP because the parents have to come and pick up their preschool siblings. So, we decided that we needed to do something to help. Preschool kids will not be in the mix with all the older students. They will have their own little room to be in. They will probably have snack time together and then maybe a little bit of playtime together at the end. We are really excited about offering this to parents. The Mother's Day out program will start in September, and it will be year-round on Mondays and Wednesdays in the mornings. Just like four and a half hours. With the new building we can have more students and with more students we will need more employees. John is working on a family center side at the CASP building. We have talked about having parenting resources/classes, stress management, workshops, groups classes. Some of the classes will be informal.

John Guerrero (counselor): May is mental health awareness month. We are planning activities at Frontera. We have been seeing a lot of kids here at the school. Both Junction and Menard, but primarily in Junction, my referrals have been high. I am looking forward to seeing if that continues into the next school year. I am looking forward to seeing how many of these kids will continue to see me during the summer. I know it is going to be hard. One of the things that the parents have appreciated the most is the convenience aspect of them not having to take off from work and pull the kid out of school and take them to the clinic. So, we'll just see how that translates to the summertime counseling sessions. We are working on a grant to help provide more therapy materials and furniture. We have put together a long list of things needed, just to make the room more therapeutic. I've been very grateful to the schools for letting me use the rooms to have my sessions. We have had an equal number of elementary, middle and high school students. I will be spending the summer doing some more training and workshops for play therapy and adolescent therapy.

Stephen Curry (minister): Ministerial alliance with the Food Bank has recently received a grant for $11,000 to get a new refrigerator. Once they get the new refrigerator, they can start distributing fresh foods. This will give them the opportunity to distribute fresh foods. This will also allow for those who are wanting to follow a healthier diet. The food pantry is also doing well now. We have funds for assistants, utilities, medicine, etc. The food pantry also has a few clothing items, and a few household goods available.

Renee Braswell/Amy Simon: (JMS counselor/JMS principal): Finished up with STARR testing for this school year. Will have JMS end of year awards on May 13th. 8th Grade promotion will be on May 14th at 6pm in the High School Auditorium.

Regina Suttle (School Nurse): a few cases of the stomach bug and Flu. Trying to find ways to encourage parents of students in school to attend SHAC. Talking with Ivy Perez and Megan Hines to be chairperson for SHAC for the 2025-2026 school year.

Summer Henderson (JES counselor): Elementary also has finished with STARR testing for this school year. I have seen an increase in the need for counseling, especially those kids of divorced parents. Earth day is scheduled for Friday May 2. We also have field day coming up. We will have it on May 13th. We are having teacher Appreciation next week. We appreciate everyone helping make this week possible. The last day of school is May 15, 2025.

School Board Meeting on May 21, 2025, to present to them a summary of SHAC meetings.

Jennifer Johnson PAC will be stepping down as chairperson for the new school year.

SHAC dates for the 2025-2026 school year and SHAC members.

Meeting adjourned.