

Santa Rosa Independent School District
School Health Advisory Council Meeting
December 12, 2025
MINUTES

I. Call to Order/Welcome

The SHAC meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Evangelina Cervantes, District Nurse and SHAC Coordinator for Santa Rosa ISD. Ms. Cervantes welcomed all members and thanked them for attending.

II. Members Present

Please refer to the sign in sheet.

III. Minutes

A motion was requested by Ms. Cervantes to approve the minutes from the previous school year's SHAC meeting. Motion made by Ms. Anna Becco and seconded by Ms. Marcy Cuevas. Motion was carried and minutes were approved.

IV. Introduction of SHAC members

Members introduced themselves by sharing their name, role, and campus or department they represent. Ms. Cervantes thanked all members for their continued service and commitment to SHAC.

V. Review of mission, purpose and goals of SHAC

The mission and purpose of SHAC were reviewed. Ms. Cervantes explained that SHAC serves as an advisory council to the board of trustees, assists the district in ensuring that local community values are reflected in health education instruction, provides guidance and recommendations as outlined by state law and district policy. The goals of SHAC is to help students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to adopt and maintain healthy behaviors throughout their lives.

VI. Nomination and Selection of SHAC officers

Ms. Cervantes reviewed the requirements and responsibilities of SHAC officers. After discussion, the council decided to postpone the nomination and election of officers. This item was deferred to the next SHAC meeting.

VII. Health Services

Ms. Cervantes reviewed the required yearly staff trainings for 2025-2026 school year. Staff completed mandatory training online through the Vector Solution platform as well as on campus hands on Stop the Bleed and Narcan training provided by our local EMS services. Ms. Cervantes emphasized that these trainings are essential to ensure staff are equipped to meet student health and safety needs to remain in compliance with district and state requirements. Ms. Cervantes also reported 100% compliance on the Immunization State Report submitted on December 2, 2025. Ms. Cervantes proceeded to inform the council that the district was notified of a grant opportunity offered by DSHS in partnership with Region one that would provide funding for school-based interventions targeting Diabetes, Asthma and Obesity to promote physical health, mental well-being and overall student wellness. Application for this grant was submitted on November 20, 2025 and is currently awaiting official decision.

VIII. ACE Program

Ms. Leal, ACE Program Director, informed the SHAC council that the ACE program provides academic support, student enrichment, college and career readiness opportunities, and family engagement. The program offers a variety of enrichment activities and supports students through college exploration, testing support, and workshops, and certifications.

IX. Santa Rosa ISD Curriculum

Ms. Marcy Cuevas, Dean of Instruction, informed the SHAC committee about the district's human sexuality instruction requirements under Texas Education Code 28.004. She shared that the district uses an SBOE- adopted, TEKS- aligned curriculum and should be approved by the Board of Trustees and SHAC. Parents are notified in advance and must provide written consent for student participation, with the option to exempt their child. The curriculum emphasizes abstinence, age-appropriate instruction, and compliance with state law. Ms. Cuevas reviewed the curriculum requirements and asked the committee if they were in favor of moving the curriculum forward to the board for approval. All members present agreed.

X. Next SHAC meeting and times

Ms. Cervantes asked members for input on meeting times to increase participation. Mr. Salazar suggested offering Zoom meetings to allow parents to join from home, and Mr. Solis suggested holding meetings after school. Members agreed to hold meetings after school. Ms. Cervantes informed the committee that future meetings will be held after school with a virtual option available for parents.

XI. Adjournment/Closing

Ms. Cervantes asked if there were any questions or concerns before adjourning the meeting. None were expressed. Ms. Cervantes thanked all members for their participation. The meeting was adjourned.