



# School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

May 5, 2026 – 4:30 p.m.  
DISD Board Room

## Meeting Minutes

The Denison ISD SHAC meeting on May 5, 2026 chaired by Jacki Woolford, covered mental health, counseling, and nursing updates, as well as updates regarding the 5K for Kindness updates.

### Introductions and Meeting Purpose

- Jackie Wolford initiates the meeting, and others including Lisa Kush, Jackie Melancon, Paul Newman, and Rachel Weger are in attendance. Scotty Voigt joins a little later during the meeting.
- The agenda includes welcome and introductions, mental health update, nursing services update, and miscellaneous topics.

### Mental Health Update

- Jackie Melancon provides updates on student referrals, mentioning the addition of Houston Early Childhood School for behavioral support.
- The number of referrals has increased to 62, with 52 assessed and 49 in supportive case management or contact.
- Mrs. Melancon explains the new virtual counseling service for early childhood, focusing on parental support rather than direct counseling for young children. The service will continue through the summer and requires new consent each school year.
- Peer Helpers Plus curriculum, replacing Hope Squad, is being implemented at DHS Pathways and Scott Middle School, funded by the Grant Halliburton Foundation. Counselors and advisors will undergo additional training in July, with Lorraine Thompson as the advisor at Scott Middle School.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month, with a focus on supporting teacher mental health and promoting mental wellness.

### Counseling Training and Program Evaluation

- Jackie Melancon reviews the district-wide counseling training conducted by Cheryl Evans on the Texas school model for comprehensive school counseling. An audit of the program was conducted at the beginning of the year, identifying available resources and developing smart goals.
- Counselors will meet in May to review progress and set goals for the next school year, focusing on vertical alignment for character education.

- Teachers will use Quaver's teacher assessment of skills to identify tier two students for small group work, requiring parent consent.
- The program aims to improve school climate, reduce disciplinary actions, and set behavior goals for students.

## **Communities In Schools Program Challenges and Solutions**

- Mrs. Melancon discusses the placement of site coordinators, with the last placement on February 19 at Terrell.
- A grant of \$35,000 from the Texoma Community Foundation helps pay for site coordinators, with some campuses receiving reduced rates.
- Denison exceeded regional averages in student goal attainment and end-of-year assessments, with 98% of students passing.

## **Nursing Services Update**

- Rachel Weger shares end-of-year data for nursing services, including 17,907 students seen and sent back to class, and 1772 sent home sick.
- A total of 17,622 medications were administered, with only seven EMS transports, a significant improvement from the previous year.
- Telehealth consults have increased to 91 for the school year, with some campuses excelling in telehealth services.
- Dental clinics held at Lamar Elementary and Houston were successful, with 158 students receiving oral evaluations and 30 receiving dental sealants.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Mr. Voight mentions the success of the recent 5K event, with over 200 participants and significant sponsorships.
- Mrs. Melancon adds that a pilot program for assessing attendance at the high school is being evaluated for potential expansion to other campuses.

## **Conclusion and Adjournment**

- The meeting concludes with no further agenda items, and Jacki Woolford notes that the next meeting will be scheduled for the fall unless otherwise needed.
- Nurse Weger reminds everyone of National School Nurse Day and encourages everyone to show appreciation for school nurses.
- The meeting is adjourned at 5:00 PM, with participants thanking each other for their contributions and participation.
- The meeting was recorded and will be posted on the website, as required by Texas law.
- The next meeting will be scheduled in Fall of 2026, after school has started for the 26-27 school year.