

9/27/2023

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by M. James.

Welcome and introductions.

2. PURPOSE

A School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is a group appointed by the school district to serve at the district level. Texas law ([Texas Education Code, Title 2, Subtitle F, Chapter 28, Subchapter A, §28.004](#)) requires the establishment of a SHAC for every school district. SHACs are required to meet at least four times each year.

SHACs assist the districts in ensuring that local community values are reflected in health education instruction. Additionally, SHACs play an important role in strengthening the connection between health and learning. They can help parents and community stakeholders reinforce the knowledge and skills children need to stay healthy for a lifetime.

3. REVIEW MINUTES

A motion to approve the 4/26/2023 SHAC meeting minutes was made by L. Nichols and seconded by J. Moreno.

4. REPORTS

a. COVID Update - Molly James

The district COVID protocols are the same as last year. Parents are notified when there is a positive case in their child's classroom for students in PK-4th grades and self-contained classes. Students who have COVID are absent-excused as well as students who quarantine due to a household case. Individuals diagnosed with COVID may return to campus after five full days of isolation, and must show improvement of symptoms and be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. All COVID positive cases of students and staff are reported to the Brazoria County Health Department as required by TEA. These protocols will remain in effect through the remainder of this school year. Since the beginning of the school year, there have been about 300 positive student cases reported with the 2nd and 3rd weeks being the highest reported cases. This week there have not been any positive student cases reported. This peak and decline appears to be in line with current trends.

b. BACODA - Becky Morales

Becky Morales, one of the directors of the Youth Works program, has partnered with BISD. They have been in this district for over 10 years. They go into the

schools and deliver a prevention curriculum at select campuses. The curriculum is about drug, alcohol and vaping prevention. It is not a treatment program. They give students factual knowledge from a research based curriculum.

Positive Action's basic philosophy is that we feel good about ourselves when we do positive actions. This is what is talked about in the classroom. The curriculum is broken down into 6 units. Twenty to twenty-four sessions are delivered in the classrooms. Topics covered are self-concept, positive action for body and mind, managing yourself responsibly, treating others the way you would like to be treated, telling yourself the truth, and improving yourself continually.

If they are not providing the campus with curriculum, they go out and do community presentations. Presentations for adults and youth include bullying, vaping, personal hygiene, etc. Hands-on activities include safety and health fairs. October, red ribbon week, is fully booked as they cover 4 counties - Southeast Harris, Galveston, Brazoria, and Matagorda.

Staff are located in 11 districts across the 4 counties. In this district, M. Roberts is providing curriculum services at Lanier, SFA, and Ogg elementary schools. She is the prevention specialist for those campuses but she can go anywhere in the district for presentations and activities. At the middle school level another staff member provides curriculum to CIS. An open position exists that covers Brazosport High School and Rasco Middle School. Curriculum is also being provided at Brazoswood High School. This staff member also splits time with Bay City High School.

c. School Safety - Centegix

Ty Morrow, Director of Safety and Security for BISD, explained that all of the safety protocols the district has in place can be found on the district website. You will see the 30 layers of safety and security to keep the district safe so that all the staff has to worry about is teaching and the students about learning.

One of the first things that fails in an emergency is communication. Three lines of communication exist in the district. Everyone has a cell phone but they get overloaded and the tower goes down. Every principal and district leadership have a district radio and campuses have a campus wide radio. In an emergency, only one person can talk on the radio at a time.

The latest protocol that has been put in place is Centegix which is a badge with a low blue-tooth frequency. Campuses have hubs installed throughout the buildings. Strobes are also located throughout the buildings. Every employee has a centegix badge which must be worn every single day. Mr. Morrow showed powerpoint photos of all the pieces of equipment related to centegix operation. The system also works 500 feet outside of BISD buildings. The badges of staff

members who travel to other campuses are synced to the campus they are located on.

There are two types of incidents in which the badge can be used. Staff members can press the badge for assistance with students and a set crisis responder team will receive the call for assistance. The location and who needs assistance appears with a map on the responder's phone or computer screen. The second type of alert is a campus-wide alert when there is a weapon. For this, the staff member must press the button numerous times to put the campus on lock-down. Staff and students have been trained what to do during a lock-down. Computers and phones will be interrupted with a lockdown message and instructions on exactly what to do. Every law enforcement agency will also be notified.

d. Gun Safety Notice Requirement- Ty Morrow

Texas Safe Gun Storage Initiative, House Bill 3, mandates that Texas schools give gun safe storage information to all students and parents. The message states if unable to lock guns away, they should be stored separately from the ammunition. The district will be sending out a letter with information regarding gun safety. Texas is no. 2 in the nation for school shootings. Most of the time students have gotten the gun from their parents. House Bill 3 holds parents accountable with jail time for when children get a gun to commit suicide or acts of violence.

e. Updates from BISD Students- Brazosport Student Council and PALS

- For suicide prevention they are doing a kindness card. Students write affirmation messages on a card that spreads positivity. Purple was also worn one day for suicide awareness.
- Every month they do a mental health mile. The last one was attended by the most students ever. This is an opportunity for students and staff to go outside, get some fresh air and sunshine. Statistics show that when people are having a bad day, going outside helps.
- PALS has an opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity and they are going to try and get a lot of students involved including students at the intermediate and elementary campuses in Freeport. The plan is to build a house in Freeport.
- Homecoming activities are underway. Before getting into the dance, students will walk through a metal detector for safety purposes. The theme is Hollywood and decorations are homemade since bought decorations are too expensive. They are trying to raise money for decorations by doing face painting at lunches.
- The goal of Stuco for this year is to get students out and involved in the community as much as possible through community service, or district representation at events. This helps get the students comfortable being

out in front of people and lets the community see Brazosport students. Four of the students present today were able to go to the Admin Team retreat that took place over the summer and spoke about why administrators are so important to their lives and education.

6. ADJOURNMENT- 12:20p.m.