

# School Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

## October 26, 2021

### Gustine ISD Secondary Library

The Gustine ISD School Advisory Council held their first meeting of the 21/22 school year on Tuesday, 10/26/2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library.

Members in attendance were Carmen Landman- parent, Cynthia Newton- via Zoom, Fabiola Patino- parent, Cathy Shaw- guardian, Patti Blue- Superintendent, Kenny Eudy, Principal, and Lisa Connel R.N School Nurse/ SHAC Coordinator.

Members were welcomed by Lisa Connel who gave a short overview of the Council's duties and outlined the *Coordinated School Health Program*. The members were informed on how to access the information pertaining to SHAC on the District's website.

Members agreed that the *Mission Statement* was appropriate and that no changes should be made.

Carmen Landman and Cynthia Newton agreed to serve as Co-chairs of the Council.

The minutes from the previous meeting (April 22, 2021) were approved.

Mrs. Connel gave a COVID status update.

The Council was also informed concerning the recent changes pertaining to the duties of the SHAC as a result of HB 1525 requirements. Those requirements include:

- Make an audio/video recording of all meetings.
- Minutes and recording must be posted on the District website
- Notification of scheduled meetings must be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting in the school office and on the District website.
- The School Board will determine the specific content of the Human Sexuality Curriculum with input from the SHAC.
- 2 public meetings must be held concerning the curriculum prior to the SHAC making a recommendation to the School Board.
- Written permission from parents/guardians is required for a student to participate in the instruction. Opt-in instead of the previous opt-out option.
- There will be no penalty to a student's grade if a parent chooses to remove their child from the instruction.
- Parents must have the opportunity to review the curriculum.
- District must provide a detailed description of the content of the Human Sexuality Curriculum in the student Handbook

The *Wellness Policy Implementation Plan* was discussed concerning where the District currently stands in reaching the goals which have been set forth. While discussing the goal concerning monthly inspection of the playground equipment, Mrs. Blue informed the Council that the older playground equipment will need to be replaced in the future which will require a large expenditure. She stated that we have not qualified for any grants so we will need to find alternative means to fund the replacement.

Mrs. Connel informed the Council about the *Comanche County Mobile Medical Clinic* that is available on the premises on Tuesday mornings. Parents may sign a release so that students may be seen without the parent present although the parent must first call to set up an appointment through the Medical Clinic.

The annual *Turkey Walk* was discussed. The walk is scheduled for November 18th from 4:30-5:30 pm at the football field. Discussion involved how best to keep up with the laps completed in a manner that would not increase the risk of transmitting illness. Mrs. Connel reported that she has ordered the turkeys. Mrs. Landman took the available publicity posters to place in downtown businesses.

The Council was informed that our 3rd grade students are scheduled to take part in Safety City in Abilene in April. Depending on community infection levels a final determination will be made whether it is in the best interest of our students to interact with another school district that will be present.

The Council was also informed that we have chosen not to participate in the Cowtown 5K again this year because we do not believe that exposing our students to the large numbers of participants would be in the best interest of our students. We will look at offering some type of local event in the Spring.

Members agreed that email communication would be appropriate for addressing the Human Sexuality Curriculum as more information becomes available.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Submitted by Lisa Connel RN