SHAC Minutes – January 19, 2022

I. Meeting was convened at 1:31 p.m. by B. Ezell via Zoom.

Members in attendance: M. Thieme, H. West, V. Fountain, P. Rodriguez, A. Young, O. Schnurpel, N. Bransom, M. Lopez, R. Vela, V. Lopez, C. Watts, K. Knowlton, K. Redden, M. Portnoy, M. Lopez, S. Marquez, C. Callas and B. Ezell.

II. Review of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes from the October 20, 2021 meeting. M. Portnoy moved to approve the minutes and K. Knowlton seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

III. District Updates

Safety & Security – M. Thieme indicated the following COVID counts: 62 staff and 166 students. They are working to re-supply masks, disinfectants, and additional custodial products. They have ordered more tests. The current quarantine time for students and staff is 10 days. Staff may return after day 6 with a negative test. All of our departments are stepping in to provide coverage from administrators to custodians. M. Portnoy inquired as to whether or not if COVID absences would be counted against students who are transfer students. M. Thieme responded that this would be taken into consideration and reviewed prior to any decisions.

IV. New Health TEKS – Dr. C. Callas

Dr. Callas reported that Proclamation 2022 includes the adoption of new instructional materials for Health 1 course at the High School and Middle School campuses, which includes Human Sexuality curriculum as well. The state has approved 1 publisher for this Proclamation. Dr. Callas will share the information with the SHAC members. The resources are available to review at the Old MS Band Hall building. The district will be attending an Instructional Materials Expo at ESC-2 on January 31. SHAC will be reviewing materials and making a recommendation to the school board.

V. Fountain from ESC-2 reported that the school board would approve a human sexuality curriculum based on the recommendation from SHAC. The program must be suitable for subject and grade and reviewed by experts. The SHAC is responsible for holding two public meetings regarding the curriculum materials and provide the recommendations to the school board in the public meeting. The board must adopt a vote at the public meeting.

V. Wellness Plan

V. Fountain from ESC-2 reported that the district has a board approved wellness policy. The district Wellness Plan describes how the policy and procedures are put into action. The Wellness Plan does not require board approval and remains fluid. The plan will be updated to meet the emerging needs and priorities of the community. This is why it is important to have community input. The objectives in your plan need to be SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely). The objectives may be based on district or campus specific needs. V. Fountain shared a wellness plan template with examples and reviewed the GP District Wellness Plan, which included notes for completion and discussion.

Wellness Plan Breakout Rooms:

1. Nutrition Promotion M. Portnoy (lead), A. Young, C. Watts, H. West

2. Nutrition Education M. Martinez (lead), M. Thieme, V. Lopez, O. Schnurpel

3. Physical Activity R. Vela (lead), K. Redden, K. Knowlton

4. Other School Based Activities P. Rodriguez (lead), M. Lopez, N. Bransom, S. Marquez

XII. Questions

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Wednesday, March 16, 2022 (TENTATIVE) Wednesday, April 20, 2022