

SHAC Minutes – April 20, 2022

- I. Meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m. by B. Ezell.

Members in attendance: M. Thieme, J. Atkinson, R. Vela, M. E. Munoz, Martinez, and J. Millington.

Guest Presenters: C. Hinojosa, and E. Sais.

Members attending via Zoom:

V. Lopez, W. Rodriguez, N. Bransom, D. Elizondo, K. Stone, S. Marquez, and M. Campbell.

- II. Review of Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes from the February 19, 2022 meeting. M. Thieme moved to approve the minutes and J. Atkinson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

- III. Update to WCA Exempt Days for Fundraisers from March 18 to May 25

Action: All committee members were in favor of the date change.

- IV. New Health TEKS including Human Sexuality

Materials for the health TEKS and the Texas Proclamation for the Health Education Textbook Adoption Highlights were provided to committee members. SHAC held 2 public meetings on Wednesday, February 16 and Tuesday, March 29 with presentations from G-PISD, Project Rush and Aim for Success in order to select a curriculum for human sexuality to recommend to the school board. B. Ezell reviewed the information to date regarding the outcome of the new health education textbook committee. The committee selected the only approved TEA textbook Goodheart-Willcox. She reported that the human sexuality portion is provided in a separate supplemental text. Committee members discussed their options:

M. Thieme indicated that the textbook option seems an easier transition for our students and staff. V. Lopez indicated that this would be less of a change but would the school staff feel comfortable and confident to share this information? Project RUSH knows all about what meets the requirements for TEA as well. They do just this topic all over the Coastal Bend. For the sake of the students, I would hate for them to get a quick run through because someone is uncomfortable. B. Ezell shared the information and sentiments from the health teachers during the textbook committee meeting. One of the health teachers indicated that she believed that human sexuality is important for them to teach. She answers questions regularly, has a rapport with students, and is comfortable teaching the subject and responding to questions. N. Bransom noted items in chat indicating that Project Rush is a great curriculum. R. Vela indicated that he would like to go for the textbook as it includes a lesson plan for staff members to follow.

Action: 5 members were in favor of the TEA approved textbook supplement. Thieme, Atkinson, Munoz, Vela, Stone

8 members were in favor of Project Rush. Millington, Marquez, Bransom, Elizondo, Lopez, Campbell, Rodriguez, Martinez

B. Ezell will provide the SHAC recommendation to the school board at the May meeting.

V. Presentation: Children's Advocacy Center - Happy Bear, Emma Sais & Cassandra Hinojosa

Materials will be shared with committee members via email following the meeting. They presenters utilize swimsuits to cover the private parts to share with students. A hula hoop is utilized to indicate personal space. The presentation also included information regarding Internet Safety Presentation.

J. Millington inquired as to the length of the Happy Bear program is and Ms. Sais indicated it is 20 minutes. She also asked if parents are included. Ms. Sais indicated that they outreach is available for parents. Ms. Millington asked if the program names body parts. Ms. Sais indicated that they refer to them as private parts. M. Martinez indicated that we need something at the elementary schools to address concerns. Working with students with disabilities at the MS is also an area of concern as some of those students don't understand what is and what is not okay as well. E. Sais indicated that GPTV recorded the program during COVID for the CAC to utilize during virtual learning.

Action: All members were in favor of using the CAC for Happy Bear at the elementary campuses.

VI. Annual School Health Survey

B. Ezell indicated that the Annual School Health Survey will be due to TEA in May and a subcommittee will work together to gather data and complete the task.

VII. District Updates

Safety & Security: M. Thieme indicated that we have not had any COVID cases in several weeks. We have drills coming up and they are working on summer training in preparation for next year.

Food Service: J. Atkinson indicated that they are working on summer feeding contracts. TMC and SFA will be open and they may be able to open HS. Multiple meals for multiple days will not be available this year due to all the COVID waivers expiring on May 25, unless something changes in Congress.

VIII. Questions & Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.