

SHAC Minutes – December 9, 2020

- I. Meeting was convened at 1:33 p.m. by B. Ezell via Zoom.
Members in attendance: M. Thieme, J. Atkinson, M. Lopez, J. Rombs, N. Nolan , A. Pina, J. Pineda, R. Vela, M. Campbell, V. Lopez, C. Watts, K. Knowlton, J. Gano, L. Robinson, L. Schipper, L. Ramos, R. Zipprian, M. Garza, T. Celaya, K. Redden, M. Portnoy, J. Everitt, S. Marquez, and B. Ezell.
- II. Review of Minutes
Members reviewed the minutes from the October 14, 2020 meeting. Chasity Watts moved to approve the minutes and Michael Thieme seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.
- III. Presentation: Tobacco Prevention – Daisy Board, DSHS Tobacco Prevention Regional Coordinator
- IV. San Patricio County Thank You Letter – Barbie Ezell
Ms. Ezell reviewed the letter received from Nicole Alonzo, Community Health Liaison - San Patricio County Department of Public Health, congratulating G-PISD for being in compliance with the Federal Lactation Accommodations Law (FLAL). As a token of thank you we were given some supplies to share with campuses. Virginia Lopez, San Patricio County Health Department, indicated that they are happy to deliver additional supplies if we need them.
- VI. PK Toileting Procedures
Mrs. Campbell reviewed the toileting procedures document for PK students that was recently developed by the district. She indicated that students who are not potty trained may attend PK.
- VII. Safety and Security Update – Michael Thieme
Mr. Thieme reviewed the COVID case information that may be found on the G-PISD website. He reported that overall, we have seen numbers decline. Currently there are four students and/or staff members with confirmed cases. Rapid testing began on Monday for staff or students who present with symptoms during the school day. The campus nurses will determine if the student or staff member meet the CDC guidelines for testing. With regard to COVID response, they have received and delivered an additional 2000 partitions to campuses. There are now a total of 8000 partitions districtwide which is almost two for every student enrolled. In addition, each campus has two UVC wands which are used to disinfect keyboards and electronic equipment. The district also has electro static backpack sprayers which are used for sanitizing surfaces. In addition, they have also secured a new product with anti-microbial properties that does not require wiping which has been distributed to all classrooms. With regard to safety and the passing of the 2020 bond, they have completed site visits for access control gates on campuses. Mrs. Gano at SFA requested more of the social distancing floor spots in the larger size for the gym. Mrs. Knowlton at WCA requested more for their gym as well.
- VIII. Social Work Update – Jessica Rombs
Mrs. Rombs reported that G-PISD has two district clinical social workers. We work closely with the campus counselors, administration and our district LSSP to identify needs of students and families within the district. We offer individual and group counseling and skills training, we provide crisis intervention and mental health supports, we make home visits, provide parent education, and link out students and families with community support services and

resources. Currently, our social work team is providing individual supports and crisis intervention to approximately 50 students across the district. In addition, our LSSP is providing mental health and behavioral support to approximately 46 special education students. We have also developed relationships with community members and partners to meet the basic needs of all families who are in need. Services include

1) Wildcat Clothing Closet:

This is open weekly to provide clothing and hygiene items to all students and family members enrolled at G-PISD. Services are FREE. In November, we assisted 62 families with these items.

2) Monthly Parent Education Meeting:

SB11 recommends that the district provide educational trainings to our parents specifically on the topics of mental health, bullying and domestic violence. In an effort to meet those needs we have been offering virtual parent meetings via G-PISD FaceBook live. The meetings are the first Wednesday of every month from 6-7 pm. The next meeting is Jan 13th on “Building Self Esteem”. On FB live we have been reaching over 1000 families each month.

3) Coastal Bend Food Bank Distribution:

G-PISD has partnered with Coastal Bend Food Bank, Gracepoint Church and Gulf Coast Growth Venture to distribute 500 boxes of food to families in the Gregory and Portland Community each month. The next distribution is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 15th from 430-630 pm at Gracepoint Church Parking Lot.

4) Shop with a Cop:

G-PISD partnered with Shop with a Cop in November and were able to provide 60 boxes of food and hygiene products to families across the district.

5) United Way Angel Tree:

G-PISD has partnered with United Way and will be providing 100 students in need with Christmas gifts during the month of December.

X. Wellness Plan

Ms. Ezell indicated that the original plan was to begin work on the goals in the wellness plan this month. We will be pushing this topic to the February meeting when our TASB representative, Brooke Knudtson, will be able to join us.

XI. Questions

Mrs. Lopez with San Patricio County indicated that the Freedom from Smoking Group Clinic is a 7 week class that begins on January 5 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Ms. Ezell indicated that the next meeting will be held on February 10 at 1:30 p.m..

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.