

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: April 28, 2021

Location: Waxahachie ISD Administration Building

I. Welcome

- Shari Phillips welcomed everyone
- Motion to approve minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting was given by Kam Bridgers with Rainey Hicks seconding, and passed unanimously.
- Introduction of new members/guests: Santana Ware with Drug Prevention Resources/IMPACT Waxahachie

II. SHAC Updates

- REACH Update
 - April 28, 2021 – Waxahachie Drug Take Back event held – 151 pounds collected for Waxahachie and 300+ pounds within Ellis County.
 - DAEP Curriculum – REACH has done video recordings for the students at DAEP regarding different life skills such as focusing on making good choices
 - REACH participated in a prom dress event to be able to have a place for students in need who wanted to go to prom to be able to find clothing to do so – event held at Global High and had around 300 dresses and 75 suits for students to choose from – event was a success and there are plans to do it again next year
- WISD Security Update
 - Uptick lately in use of THC vape pens at school – online ordering makes them easy to get
 - SROs made 2 arrests of individuals who admitted to selling THC vape pens at school
 - Question asked regarding type of discipline students receive and this would be a felony offense for distribution at school and is mandatory DAEP placement and discretionary expulsion
 - Seeing an uptick in emotional disturbance at school – April is a difficult month for mental illness – officers and personnel are keeping an eye on the situation and staying aware
 - Fentanyl is becoming a problem – has been on the radar for several years – kids are overdosing on Codeine laced with Fentanyl unknown to them
 - Youth Recovery program is available for any addiction and is planning several things for the summer months – transportation is not an issue; they have a van – more info reach out to Cassie Street at REACH Council

- April is alcohol awareness month – there are a couple of bills currently being reviewed that have to do with “alcohol to go” since there are no guidelines for this in place nor any training for individuals who are delivering the alcohol
- Nurse Coordinator Update
 - COVID is getting a lot better – have an average of 95% decrease in the last 4-6 weeks within WISD – contact tracing is also down to 1-2 per week instead of per day
 - Anticipate changes in COVID protocol if numbers stay on the decline – want to get things back to normal
 - Vaccinations and kids – getting notifications that students who are old enough to receive the vaccination are getting it – if those students are exposed then they do not have to quarantine
 - Question raised whether vaccination would become mandatory among employees – this is unlikely due to the differing attitudes towards immunizations
- Random Drug Testing Policy
 - Recently had a session – 6 students @ WHS had previously tested positive for marijuana and at last testing 5 of the 6 were completely negative and the remaining 1 had levels that had decreased sufficiently to be considered a negative
 - Had first junior high student test positive for marijuana in the 4 years since the drug testing policy was instituted at the junior high level – has been retested and awaiting those results

III. SHAC Presentation

- Santana Ware with Drug Prevention Resources/IMPACT Waxahachie presented about working with WPD to make drug testing kits available for free to parents who feel their kids may be using – can help provide resources to parents if there is a positive test result
- Group currently looking for other locations of distribution of test kits so it’s not just at the police station and parents/kids don’t feel like there would be immediate trouble if there is a positive result
- WISD is planning to put kits in the nurse’s clinics of secondary campuses and communicate their availability to parents; resources in the case of a positive can also be provided

Motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Samuel Baker at 12:33 p.m. and seconded by Monica Fay, and passed unanimously. The final meeting of the 2020-21 school year will be held Wednesday, June 2, 2021.