

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: December 2, 2021

Location: Waxahachie ISD Administration Building

- Call to Order
 - Call to order at 11:36 a.m. - Shari Phillips welcomed everyone
- Welcome
 - Motion to approve minutes from the September 30, 2021 meeting was given by Sandy King with Becky Scasta seconding, and passed unanimously.
 - Introduction of new members: Tina Masten Mitchell, Dunaway Elementary Nurse; Stefani Foster, Northside Elementary Principal; and guests Cindy Sewell with Help Me Grow North TX and Trish with Hope Pregnancy Center in Canton, TX
- SHAC Updates
 - REACH Update
 - Collected 764 pounds of medication during the Drug Take Back event held in October throughout Ellis County – there is also a disposal box at Waxahachie Police Department where prescription medication can be disposed of any time of year and the fire department also has collection bags
 - “Stress Kits” were provided to all WISD counselors
 - Having another “Pop Up Prom” event in February to assist students who can’t afford to buy new dresses and things for prom – program is for all of Ellis County
 - REACH Council has recently started a podcast
 - IMPACT Waxahachie Update
 - IMPACT Waxahachie received grant funding to try and help people get back out within the community – still looking for ideas to help within the community – this is a 1 time grant that can pay over 18 months
 - IMPACT Waxahachie meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. virtually and switching back to in person in January 2022
 - Will be disbursing drug testing kits to the nurse’s clinics on the secondary campuses as a resource for parents who feel their kid may be using
 - WISD Security Update
 - Seeing a drop in students with vape pens – feel this is due to using a new canine detection service and having students go through metal detectors at the time the canine is in the classroom
 - Still seeing an increase in mental health issues and emotional struggles as well as runaways
 - REACH Council website shares different resources available for these types of issues

- WISD Health Update
 - Has been a rollercoaster of a year with over 300 cases towards the beginning of the year with 11/29 having the lowest amount of active cases so far with 3 – on day of meeting there were 12 active cases – hand washing and good hygiene are still being encouraged on all campuses
 - Federal government has issued a mask mandate for federally funded head start programs – WISD does not have any programs that are applicable to that mandate
 - Drug testing started in October – have had 2 sessions so far
 - 1st session – 3 positives for marijuana
 - 2nd session – 2 new positives for marijuana and the 3 who had tested positive in the first session are now negative

- SHAC Presentations
 - American Heart Association Employee Wellness Program – not able to make it to meeting
 - Ellis County Early Childhood – Cindy Sewell with Help Me Grow North TX presented program being used in 18 counties across north Texas and that the program is also used nationally – program provides resources for families in support of their child’s healthy development – such as developmental screening, answering questions regarding pregnancy, parenting and child development
 - Phone lines answered by “navigators” who assist in directing families to the resources for their situation
 - Data collected and analyzed to see where calls are coming from and if additional services are needed in the area
 - Meetings are held virtually every 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:30-1:00 and will begin doing in person meetings quarterly beginning in January 2022

- 2021-22 SHAC Sub Committees
 - Coordinated School Health Program Review – district continuing with CATCH program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) for grades K-8
 - Formed a sub-subcommittee and working with Child Nutrition for plan implementation and training to begin in the spring
 - SHAC Update Parental Communication Strategy – 5 person team managing multiple online communication channels, newspaper, weekly newsletter, and radio
 - Each piece of information is different and broken down according to the type of information and how it is going to be shared

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee Auvenshine at 12:33 p.m. and seconded by Santana Ware, and passed unanimously. The updated meeting dates for the 2021-22 school year are:

January 13, 2022

February 17, 2022

April 14, 2022

May 5, 2022 (if needed)

All will be held in the Board Room of the WISD Administration building.