

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: January 19, 2023

Location: Waxahachie ISD Administration Building

- Call to Order
 - Call to order at 11:48 a.m. - Shari Phillips welcomed everyone.

- Welcome
 - Motion to approve minutes from the November 17, 2022, meeting was given by Leslie Deen with Sandy King seconding, and passed unanimously.
 - Introduction of new members: Katie Tackett – Ellis County Children’s Advocacy Center Director of Community Education and Outreach

- Presentations
 - American Heart Association – Bry Mabry presented on the effects of vaping and it being the new youth tobacco epidemic and the need for school districts to adopt and utilize an 100% tobacco free environment across all campuses.

- SHAC Updates
 - REACH Council Update
 - DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Event taking place April 22, 2023 – location is TBD but hopeful it will be in the parking lot of Coleman Jr High like normal
 - Project Prom event is set for February 27 & 28, 2023 at the Waxahachie Civic Center from 3:30-7:30 p.m. – event for students to be able to get free prom attire and accessories – gently used and clean dresses and suits are still being accepted.
 - WISD Security Update
 - According to Facebook drugs are rampant on campuses but we just don’t see it – K9 and metal detector searches occur regularly and very few vapes (nicotine and THC) are found much less any other drugs – on days of checks there are vapes found outside because kids drop them, so they aren’t found with them on their person – discipline is issued to students found with vapes
 - Counseling Update
 - Mind Above Matter – a partial outpatient program being introduced in school districts – Angela Hodge is now our community director – WISD plan is to move forward with their program in August and we will have a therapist for our district
 - Spring is all about registration for next school year – there will be an open house for all incoming freshmen to WHS at WHS on Tuesday, January 24, 2023
 - At the end of March, the counseling team will be teaching 10th & 12th graders about sex trafficking
 - WISD Health Update
 - Anticipated a surge in COVID after the holiday break but just has not happened – there has been an uptick in cases but nothing significant.
 - Currently investigating being able to launch school-based clinics on campuses for staff – looking to start that next school year.
 - Drug Testing: have had 2 sessions of drug testing at the high schools and junior highs and only 1 positive result for THC & 1 positive result due to refusal to test – we are still using a large panel for testing but may look at reducing it back down because we are just not finding anything.

- Community Involvement Update
 - Dr. Hollingsworth presented to the group his “Limitless Possibilities” presentation that is being given on each campus to inform on the growth of the district and the upcoming bond election – the district should be at 17,000 students within the next 10 years or sooner – there will be a Town Hall meeting on January 26, 2023 at the FAC at Coleman Jr High to discuss in greater detail with the public – event will also be livestreamed
 - Visitor screening process has been updated to use the company Relatrix which screens for all crimes instead of just sexual predators and all campuses have been trained on how to use the program – we currently have 7,205 active and cleared volunteers.
 - Lighthouse for Learning classes are being scheduled so if you have something you would like to teach please reach out to Sandy King
 - DEAR Day is March 3 and the sign up is on Facebook – we are in need of more Spanish speaking readers so please volunteer especially if you can speak Spanish
 - WISD’s Great Giveback – a district wide initiative that is being started to give back to the community in any and every way possible where students and staff of WISD to do projects every Saturday from Spring Break through April
 - The PIE luncheon will be held on April 20 this year and at the Waxahachie Civic Center instead of the Schaeffer Center at SAGU
 - There are some positions opening on the Community Outreach Board of Advisors – if anyone may be interested, please contact Sandy King

Motion to adjourn was made by Reverend Baker at 1:01 p.m., seconded by Becky Scasta, and passed unanimously.

The updated meeting dates for the 2022-23 school year are: February 23 and April 19. All will be held in the Board Room of the WISD Administration building.