

# SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: February 23, 2023

Location: Waxahachie ISD Administration Building

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- Call to Order
  - Call to order at 11:44 a.m. - Shari Phillips welcomed everyone.
  
- Welcome
  - Motion to approve minutes from the January 19, 2023 meeting was given by Becky Scasta with Laura Northcutt seconding, and passed unanimously.
  - Introduction of new members: Jeanne Gaines – community member, previous WISD nurse; Lt. Chris Dickinson – Waxahachie PD & new WISD Safety & Security Director
  
- Presentations
  - Care Solace – a mental healthcare coordination company who works alongside school districts to connect students, school staff, and their families to quality mental health and substance use treatment providers matched to their needs.
  
- 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
    - Have heard about Fentanyl & effects throughout the area – have had first OD and first death from the use of Fentanyl and both individuals thought they were taking something else – REACH Council does a training on counterfeit pills and what they look like
  - 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
    - Care Solace presented to the counselors their mental health services provided which would envelope staff, students, & student’s families
    - Mental health issues within the district is on the rise and we are working to be proactive in helping
  - WISD Health Update
    - COVID numbers are declining – just not seeing the cases that we have in the past
    - Looking at an opt-in telehealth services (Good Side Health) that could be offered to students and staff of the district – the district has received a contract which is being reviewed and will move forward from there – insurance information would be collected if staff or student choose to opt-in
    - Drug Testing: have tested at the high schools this semester and don’t have results back but did have a couple of student refuse to test which will result in a positive result – have not tested at the junior high this semester but it is scheduled

- Community Involvement Update
  - No updates at this time

Motion to adjourn was made by Becky Scasta at 12:36 p.m., seconded by Dinga Ochinka, and passed unanimously.

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