

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Date: September 30, 2021

Location: Waxahachie ISD Administration Building

- Call to Order
 - Call to order at 11:32 a.m. - Shari Phillips welcomed everyone
 - Lee Auvenshine explained that we are now under the Open Records Act and meetings now have to be recorded and posted on the WISD website
 - WISD Visioning Process – QR code was given and attendees asked to do the survey for future visioning of the district

- Welcome
 - Motion to approve minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting was given by Leslie Deen with Santana Ware seconding, and passed unanimously.
 - Introduction of all members

- SHAC Updates
 - REACH Update
 - Partnering with Ellis County Sheriff's Office for Drug Take Back Event being held October 23, 2021 in the Coleman Jr High parking lot from 10-2
 - Working on Red Ribbon Week presentations and bracelets
 - Purchased materials to make "stress kits" for counselors and will distribute to counselors within WISD
 - IMPACT Waxahachie received grant funding to try and help people get back out within the community - contact Santana Ware at IMPACT for additional information or with questions
 - WISD Counseling Updates
 - MOU with Next Steps to provide mental health counselors for WISD – increased to 5 counselors district wide – counselors can work directly with students on their campus instead of having to go to an outside location
 - Next Steps Suicide Prevention "Sources of Strength" – peer led group that will be starting on secondary campuses soon
 - Next Steps Mental Health First Aid – training that is offered within the district to help adults identify mental health warning signs in students
 - Mentoring program INSPIRE school – mentors come into the classroom to work with students about social and emotional skills, careers, goal setting, etc.
 - Red Ribbon Week October 23-31
 - WISD Security Update
 - Things are running smoothly but seeing an uptick in mental health issues – not sure what it is attributed to but seeing a lot of kids in crisis

- WISD Health Update
 - New variant of COVID peaked right as school started and positive case numbers were high which has gone down consistently since Labor Day – currently 70-80 cases district wide
 - Grant funding received to be able to get additional PPE for clinics and school use such as tests, hand sanitizer, face masks, etc.
 - Drug testing will start in the next month – all names go into a pool and students are randomly selected using computer software of the drug testing company
 - IMPACT Waxahachie has ordered “At Home” drug testing kits to be made available to parents who are concerned their child may be using – these will be available through the campus counselors and/or nurses

- SHAC Presentations
 - American Heart Association Employee Wellness Program – not able to make it to meeting
 - DentaQuest – Brian Wood – an outreach specialist who ensures people are aware of the benefits they receive through Medicaid/CHIPS program – would like to get pamphlets about dental and oral hygiene into nursing clinics on campus for parent usage
 - Help Me Grow North Texas – not able to make it to the meeting

- 2021-22 SHAC Sub Committees
 - Coordinated School Health Program Review – district continuing with CATCH program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) for grades K-8

Motion to adjourn was made by Terri Ibarra at 12:39 p.m. and seconded by Santana Ware, and passed unanimously. The updated meeting dates for the 2021-22 school year are:

November 11, 2021
 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.