
Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) – Minutes

Location: Virtual Meeting

Date: February 8, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Agenda details:

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Anonymous Alert System – *Brad Hayes*

Mr. Hayes shared information about a new application, Anonymous Alerts, that will be introduced in the district this semester. The Anonymous Alerts system is an anti-bullying app and safety reporting system that is simple, secure and enables students to quickly report incidents related to bullying, cyberbullying, student depression, family problems, self-harm, drugs, gang-related issues, harassment, weapons on campus or unusual student behavior which may warrant immediate attention by school officials. The reporter of the incident can establish anonymous 2-way communications with school officials. Anonymous Alerts encourages those who feel vulnerable or less confident to speak up without fear of reprisal and report it. This application can be downloaded to a device or accessed from a computer. Mr. Hayes explained the value of the app in that it allows anonymous reporting but also allows two-way communication. The goal is to create a safer environment for all students. Mr. Hayes explained there would be a soft roll out this semester with a full campaign next semester (fall 2021). Mr. Hayes also clarified that the existing online system of anonymous Bullying and Threat reporting will not go away immediately.

3. COVID-19 Rapid Testing – *Christy Beck*

Mrs. Beck reviewed the COVID-19 Rapid Testing program the district is participating in with TEA and the Texas Department of Emergency Management. Mrs. Beck explained this testing is an opportunity to increase mitigation measures (isolate and quarantine people sooner) as well as to provide a free service to our employees and students. Also, it is a way to keep from having to unnecessarily send students home for an isolation period up to 10 days if COVID can be ruled out by assessment and testing. We want our students to remain at school when it is safe to do so. The district began testing symptomatic employees first, then began testing symptomatic on-campus students at eight (8) pilot campuses, and now the district has



implemented testing symptomatic students at all campuses. The last phase of COVID-19 Rapid Testing is to open a district Testing Center (located in the former Education Support Center building on N. Galveston) in the new few weeks to test all employees, remote symptomatic students, and on-campus symptomatic students who stayed home due to COVID like symptoms. Questions were asked about parent consent required for the COVID-19 Rapid Testing and Mrs. Beck shared that parents are able to complete the consent for testing now in Skyward Family Access (prior to a student needing testing) and Mrs. Beck shared that a parent would be contacted prior to any testing being done (even with consent on file). A member also asked about what students would be tested and Mrs. Beck shared that the COVID-19 Rapid testing is available to students at all grade levels. Mrs. Beck also demonstrated the Rapid Testing process and explained how individuals receive their testing results.

4. District Wellness Plan Review – *Dr. Lisa Nixon*

Dr. Nixon explained the purpose of the District Wellness Plan and stated that she will email a copy of the District Wellness Plan to all SHAC members to review prior to the April meeting. SHAC members were encouraged to ask questions and/or provide feedback regarding the plan to Dr. Nixon. Dr. Nixon will share any recommendations for updates to the plan at the next meeting for the SHAC to discuss and consider.

5. Next Meeting – Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.