

Agenda of Regular Meeting
School Health Advisory Council (SHAC)
Pearland Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Pearland Independent School District School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) was held on **Monday, April 5, 2022**, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

The subjects discussed and considered are summarized below.

1. Campus Threat Assessment Teams & District Safety Committee – Brad Hayes, Director of Safe & Secure Schools
 - *Mr. Hayes explained that a Threat Assessment Team for each campus is required by the state, and these teams are now called a Safe and Supportive Schools Committee. Mr. Hayes explained the purpose of these campus-based committees. The committee may meet for a threat against a building, another person, or even the student himself or herself. These committee members include campus administration, counselor, teacher, special education representative and law enforcement, and members receive required training. The state now provides a full-day training for these committees and includes presentations from district administrators, teachers, counselors, and first responders who have been through campus tragedies (mass casualty). The goal is to provide support to students to prevent an incident and to support a student when a threat is made. Mr. Hayes also shared the data collection required as part of the Safe and Supportive Schools committees' initiative.*
 - *The District Safety Committee is a state required committee that meets 3 times per year (fall, spring, and summer). The committee is made up of school district and community partners that collaboratively provide recommendations to the district's board of trustees and district administrators. The purpose of this committee is specifically related to ensuring the safety and well-being of the students and staff within the district. Each district has their own committee so that they can provide feedback specific to the needs of their district. This committee also works to create, update, and address our Pearland ISD Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This plan is posted on the district webpage ([Safe & Secure Schools / Pearland ISD Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan](#)). This plan includes prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery of a severe incident. The plan and its support documents provide a framework that outlines the district's intended approach to managing emergencies and disasters of all types. This plan also includes information about emergency drills campuses are required to perform each year. For example, the district previously required 10 fire drills per year, and this has been reduced to 4, each within a specified time period.*

2. Review and adopt Character Strong as Pearland ISD's character education program – Dr. Chenda Moore, Coordinator of Guidance Services

- *Dr. Moore reviewed the information shared with the Board of Trustees during the February 8, 2022, Board Meeting regarding the Character Strong character education program. Dr. Moore explained that the purpose of Character Strong is to focus on social emotional learning and character development. Character Strong provides lessons and activities to help improve school safety and culture and making implementing social emotional learning and character education a manageable, effective practice. This is year 1 of district wide implementation of the program. Dr. Moore also explained that HB 1026 and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 120 requires districts to provide instruction in the essential knowledge and skills for positive character traits.*
 - *After Dr. Moore's presentation of the Character Strong character education program, Dr. Nixon asked the SHAC members if they approved of the implementation of this character education program. All members present were in agreement and therefore approved the use of Character Strong in Pearland ISD for character education.*
- *In addition to the legal requirements, many of our students are coming into our classrooms without a place of emotional safety – it is through positive experiences, expression through free play, and meaningful relationships that will help students process their world. We need a systems approach whereby all adults in the building are showing deep kindness to each other and students, and Character Strong provides a way to do this. Dr. Moore also shared a sample activity for Gratitude – Gratitude that sticks.*

3. Future Topics for 2022 – 2023

- *A member asked about the UnBound Houston Human Trafficking presentations and shared that there were some parent concerns from the presentation. Dr. Nixon shared that Dr. Moore helped to facilitate the presentations and encouraged parents who have questions or would like additional information to contact Dr. Moore. Per Senate Bill 9, parents can opt-in for their 8th or 9th grade students to receive the human trafficking prevention presentation. Moving forward, only 8th grade students will receive this prevention presentation with parent permission*
 - *Here is a link to the UnBound Houston On-Demand training - <https://www.unboundhouston.org/trainings#on-demand-trainings>. These trainings are available in English and Spanish for parents and students. Please note that we do not use the Sentinels curriculum at this time.*
- *Dr. Nixon asked the committee members to share any topics they would like presented, discussed, and/or reviewed by the SHAC next school year.*

4. 2022 – 2023 Meeting Dates:

- *Monday, September 26, 2022*
- *Monday, November 7, 2022*
- *Monday, February 6, 2023*
- *Monday, April 17, 2023*