

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Joseph O'Malley, Superintendent

Minutes for the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting on 3-23-22

The Merkel ISD Student Health Advisory Council met on March 23, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Merkel ISD Administration Conference Room.

The following members were present were:

Joseph O'Malley, Superintendent
Kelli Pedone, MHS, BSN, RN - District RN and SHAC Coordinator/Co-Chair
Daniel L. McDuff, RN, Parent/Co-Chair
K'rin Young, MMS Principal
Brin Reed, MISD Food Service Director
Coach William Kates, MISD Athletic Director

One parent in attendance in person and one parent in attendance virtually.

Kelli Pedone called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Joseph O'Malley reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to approve minutes made by Coach Kates. Motion seconded by Brin Reed. All in favor.

Public hearing concerning the Goodheart-Willcox sexual education curriculum opened at 4:07pm.

The one parent in attendance at the meeting reviewed the curriculum prior to the meeting and has no concerns with the curriculum. No concerns from the parent attending the meeting virtually. All SHAC members have no concerns with the curriculum from Goodheart-Willcox.

Public hearing closed at 4:33pm.

Mr. O'Malley stated for the record that the SHAC has had two public hearing regarding the sexual education curriculum with no opposition at this time. The Goodheart-Willcox sexual education curriculum will be presented to the school board for approval.

Kelli Pedone gave an update on HEB Pharmacy back-to-school immunization clinic. Parents will have to sign up their child in advance and attend the clinic with their child. A flier will be sent out via Parent Square in April with more information. The back-to-school immunization clinic will be held in May.

Kelli Pedone gave a wellness update. The Biggest Loser Challenge has 22 participants, which include staff and parents. The challenge ends April 29th. Fitness classes for staff only are held Mondays and Wednesdays. There have been 8-15 participants per class. The StepBet Challenge began March 21st for six weeks. There are 20 participants at this time, which are staff, parents and community members.

Brin Reed discussed the Wellness Plan Assessment and Review. A copy of the wellness policy, wellness assessment review and wellness plan were given to SHAC members. SHAC will meet again to finalize the wellness plan.

Mr. O'Malley brought to the SHAC that he would like to do CPR and Stop the Bleed for staff members over the summer prior to school starting, so professional development days are dedicated to educational preparation for school.

A parent and community member, brought to the SHAC his endeavor to provide food security for children and families in Merkel. Brin Reed, MISD Food Service Director, stated that she would be happy to help his group in helping children and families to ensure food security throughout the year. They will meet separately outside of SHAC.

No other business.

Next meeting is scheduled for 4/13/22 at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.