

# Austin I.S.D. School Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Wed., April 27, 2022

**Meeting Location:** Austin ISD Central Office, 4000 S. IH-35 Frontage Rd., Austin, TX 78704

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter or
6:37pm	<b>Call to Order</b>	Dr. Kimberly Avila-Edwards, Co-Chair
6:38pm	<p><b>Community Communications*</b>  Comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker, 5 speakers max  Roll call:  <b>SHAC Members present:</b>  Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards  Dr. Claire Selinger  Dr. Nick Wagner</p> <p><b>SHAC Members not present:</b>  Dr. Swati Avashia  Jeff Davis  LaTasha Davis  Lisa Flores  Dr. Michelle Gallas  Susanne Kerns  Dolly Lambdin  Addison McKenna  Gena McKinley  Michelle Mejia  Belynda Barkley Montgomery  Pipe Stege Nelson  Mary Renfro  Cynthia Soliz  Kelly Tarun</p> <p><b>Austin ISD Staff present:</b>  Alana Bejarano  Jose Serrano  Dr. Susan Diaz  Michelle Rusnak  Stephanie Hebert  Donna Piket  Ginger Voss</p>	Dr. Kimberly Avila-Edwards, Co-Chair

	<p><b>Community Members present:</b>  Caryl Ayala, of Concerned Parents of TX  Karole Fedrick  Jonathan Covey, of Texas Values</p>	
6:40pm	<p><b>Community Feedback Session</b>  <i>Comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker</i></p> <p><b>Community member, Caryl Ayala</b>  <i>Representing Concerned Parents of TX and former Austin ISD teacher with Odom Elementary and other campuses.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She does not agree with teaching other people’s children some of the proposed sex education material.</li> <li>- In 2017, this district was not complying with the Texas laws that parents needed to be informed ahead of time about their children being taught sex education in schools. This was brought to the attention of the District and to SHAC.</li> <li>- Now that this District is so compliant, the question is not about transparency, but about what is being taught? There are questionable behaviors being encouraged and taught to other people’s families who would not agree with that behavior.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community member, Karole Fedrick</b>  Provided each SHAC member with a copy of research material.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Addressed PD.5.CC.4 material for 4<sup>th</sup> grade regarding the role of hormone blockers on young people who identify as transgender.</li> <li>- Experts still do not know the long-term effects of the use of puberty blockers to delay normal puberty. There is no consensus on the treatment of gender dysphoric for minors.</li> <li>- Paxton recently ruled puberty blockers for minors is child abuse. She understands the kick-back but asks that we read the materials. We are not experts, don’t act like experts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community member: Jonathan Covey</b>  <i>Works with Texas Values</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents were given samples of curriculum for Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We believe that AISD should not be teaching this level of education to 5-7 year olds.</li> <li>- The sex education promotes gender identity ideology; discusses very mature topics at very young ages. We should go back to the drawing board and not just go by Health TEKS.</li> <li>- He believes that all lessons in K- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade should be removed. We should not adopt any national sex education standards.</li> </ul>	Dr. Kimberly Avila-Edwards, Co-Chair
6:49 pm	<p><b>Adjourn</b>  Dr. Kimberly Meeting requested that SHAC members send their contact information to Jose Serrano in Health Services.  By May 6, click on link sent in an email by Jose Serrano to take the HSR Survey</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm</p>	Dr. Kimberly Avila-Edwards, Co-Chair