

Minutes SHAC 8/5/20

Present:

SHAC members Michelle Mejia, Dolly Lambdin, Courtney Perry, Susanne Kerns, Liz Jacobs, Gena McKinley, Armando Ybarra, Cynthia Soliz, Lisa Flores

6:36 call to order

Smaller SHAC. Still meet requirements but down 5 veteran members. Their terms expired in July.

Board members will appoint new members next month to reach 15-20 target

Lisa Flores is taking notes.

Trustee Elenz and Trustee Ashy, Matias Segura and Stephanie Hawkins.

- No community communications.
- Items from members

Liz Jacobs question “ How can SHAC be helpful when we don’t know what our role is to help AISD going forward?”

Dolly Lambdin : New school buildings and how Covid might impact that. We would like Matias to come back to talk about non gender bathrooms maybe in November. Mr. Segura agrees.

Liz Jacobs: How can we meet the new Supt. Candidate?

Response: Trustee Elenz responds we are limited in what we can ask of her. Her focus is currently internal. It is on Dr. Elizalde’s 100 day entry plan.

Cynthia: Dr. Elizalde is doing community engagement at 5:30 on fb . Dr. Elizalde took questions today on fb about academics.

Trustee Elenz: some outside groups are meeting with her.

Lexi Copeland Director of Health Services.

Last time we spoke about hybrid model and everything changed. What we heard last month to this month changes:

- Operations and Health services are working together to ensure safety. Seton and Loree LeChance has also been collaborating.
- Cynthia: Can we get a short Covid update at meetings? Lexi: yes.
- TEA new guidance. Dr. Escott released emergency order stating schools couldn't open until Sept 8. TEA said schools can follow those orders. Paxton issued opinion. TEA did a 180.
- Matias: very frustrating to prepare. We have a reasonable approach, then it changes.
- Cynthia: question: TEA is using funds to force in person opening. TEA allows 3 week postponement. Board will vote for delay until Sept 8. Then 4 weeks of virtual and 4 week phase in.
- Trustee Elenz: says thank you for us being ambassadors for the community. One thing being asked on Thurs also pushes employees. *Waiver to TEA is asking for authority to make decision for up to 8 weeks.*
- Trustee Ashy: Complicated. Comforting to understand the level of understanding present. Appreciates ambassadorship to help others understand. Will be helpful for people to understand getting guidance on August 4th to change things. TEA is issuing guidance that requires quick changes.
- Question from Gena: Anything SHAC can do?
Answer: Any statement of support to help others understand.
- Amber explains money is tied to attendance. That is the challenge that needs to be addressed. Also asks for more solutions and less demanding.
- Liz Jacobs: Mayors and other city leaders. Are they involved?
Trustee Elenz answers no. It is a legislative issue
Matias adds that we still have to provide space for students.

- Courtney asks “ when you talk about funding, what about the rainy day fund? Answer: The state has a rainy day fund. Schools have a fund balance that allows district to balance budget. Won’t know revenue until after school year closes. Have to sometimes reimburse state. Keep enough for 3 months. This is how they were able to pay people in Spring.
- Decision points made. Presentation given
- Guidance from COA, State and TEA, Austin Public Health and CDC for reopening.
- TEA has updated health and safety requirements. Gave PPE to each district. Providing reimbursement up to 75% for Covid expenses. These expenses have been tracked and centralized.
- Facial coverings will be required for all. Accommodations will be made on a case by case basis.
- Can we create a video asking parents to help their kids get used to wearing masks? Can SHAC to that? Courtney is on board to help
- Social distancing: Markers on floor. Visual reminders, Markers at entrances, Spacing for seats. Turning seats in same direction. Made checklist/library for principals for use. Plans start on August 10th to be approved. Some schools can receive up to 80%. *Question:* What about for sports or band? Activities that have small spaces and lots of students. *Answer:* let’s make protocol around what will happen for each instance. What about PE? *Answer:* trying to promote outside education. *Question:* Will food service be in classrooms? *Answer:* yes.
- Cleaning and disinfecting: Clean high touch surfaces multiple time per day. *Question:* afterschool programs? *Answer:* changed agreements to require partners to follow protocols. There were inconsistencies. Have to follow OUR guidelines now.
- Inventory for PPE will be taken by service center
- Facility Signage Package: 8 different languages. Blue/Red/Green tailored for kids.

- PPE being tailored for needs (accessible).
- Health screenings required for all. Want to discourage visitors. Question about staff that travels from campus to campus. What are people's job duties? Do they have to travel? Ex: mental health professionals. Question: Will campuses be closed so seniors cannot leave? Can parents bring lunch? Answer: protocols under development. Visitors will be principal discretion. Matias wants to limit unnecessary contact. Swati: thinks dropping off lunches puts office staff at risk. Is there a reason to leave this to principals? Answer: has been discussed. What is essential? Swati: What are we doing about outdoor classrooms? Answer: promoting outdoor learning. Developed checklist. Cynthia: can you provide framework to PTA? Answer: yes. Question: substitutes. Do we have enough? Answer: we are short.
- *AISD mobile app has screener before going to campus.*
- *Staging Room is an isolation space or waiting room. Will have to be intentional about who staffs it.*
- *When to stay home guidelines*
- *Reporting protocol. All quarantine must come from Lexxy. She is the one point person. Confidentiality can be protected.*
- *App being translated in Spanish. Launched Mon.*
- *Pool of online teachers?*
- *Protocols for unable to wash hands? Kicked to sped.*
- *Will students get pullouts? Kicked to sped.*
- *Do teachers have choice about in person or virtual? Still in conversation. Sent out surveys. Looking at skillsets. Which are best in person. Who is tech savvy?*
- *HS requirements 90%. Academics question*
- *Mask equity. Will masks be equal in quality? What is safe and not safe? If mask not compliant, will supply mask. Have all varieties and gloves. Touchless thermometers and backups. Encouraging people to carry on them.*

- *Water bottle filling stations.*
- *Renting air movers and air filters.*
- *Another person will be added to Lexxy's team.*
- *Plexiglass for offices.*

Approval of minutes: March and July minutes.

March motion by Lisa Seconded Swati. Passes unanimously

July: motion to table. Swati. Seconded Gena. Passes unanimously

Adjourned at 8:23