



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

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Wed., Sept. 1, 2021

Meeting Location: Zoom Videoconference (max 200 participants)

Attendance:

SHAC:

- Cynthia Soliz (Co-Chair)
- Addison McKenna
- Dolly Lambdin
- Dr. Nicholas Wagner
- Gena McKinley
- Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards
- Genevieve Dell
- Mary Renfro
- Lisa Flores
- Michelle Mejia
- Susanne Kerns
- Dr. Swati Avashia

AISD Staff:

- Hannah Gehl, Health Services Specialist
- Stephanie Hebert, Health Education Curriculum Specialist
- Alexandra Copeland, Director of Health Services
- Dr. Jacob Reach, Chief Officer of Intergovernmental Relations
- Christina Shepard, Lead Benefits Ambassador
- Elizabeth Casas, Chief Officer of Academics
- Dr. Erin Bown-Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Academics
- Leonor Vargas, Administrative Supervisor of Parent Program
- Loree LaChance, Director of Ascension Seton AISD Student Health Services
- Michele Rusnak, Assistant Director of Physical Education & Health Education
- Sundal Ali, Community Equity & Inclusion Coordinator
- Dr. Suzanne Newell, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Other:

- Trustee Ophelia Zapata
- Victoria Garcia
- Caryl Ayala

Proceedings

6:34pm – Cynthia Soliz called meeting to order

- Link for public commentary shared in the chat (written or verbal comment available)
- Quorum established
- Introduction of new SHAC member: Addison McKenna

Approved 11/3/21 -HG

Community communications: no responses

Reading and approval of minutes for July 2021 and August 2021

- Gena McKinley – motion to approve, Susanne Kerns – seconded
- Motion passes: 11 yeas, 1 abstention

Reading and approval of SY 20-21 Annual Report

- Discussion of recommended changes from Dr. Edwards (shared to SHAC via google doc)
- Screen share from Hannah Gehl to review recommended change; general grammar and spelling edits
- Discussion about recommendations made about future efforts to facilitate safe and healthy schools during COVID-19
- Genevieve Dell: discussion about how to prepare for future crisis that affect schools i.e. pandemic events and climate events (winter storm Uri)
- Discussion about understanding data available through AISD research and evaluation team regarding student mental health and crisis situations, to examine mental health impact of COVID-19
- Question/discussion from Trustee Zapata about how AISD can better support the SHAC
- Dr. Swati Avashia – motion to approve, Gena McKinley – seconded
- Motion passes unanimously: 12 yeas

Presentation from Stephanie Hebert – HSR Legislative and TEKS Updates

- (presentation linked to SHAC webpage)
- To summarize: all lessons (K-12) for health and human sexuality will be reviewed and revised following TEC, TAC, and EHAA processes Spring/Summer 2022
- HSR grades 3-HS is already approved and will be implemented this fall
- HSR for K-2 will be delayed and lessons will not be implemented until Fall 2022
- Questions from SHAC: discussion timeline and SHAC involvement, clarifying 'curriculum alignment', discuss need for subcommittees in the Spring re: textbooks
- Question from Trustee Zapata: how will parents be informed of these changes?
 - Working with Health Education team and Parent Support Specialist office

Update and Approval to the Recommendation to the Board of Trustees on Masking and Extracurricular Activity

- Amendments?
 - Dr. Edwards: highlighting inconsistencies between CDC/AAP guidance and AISD policy for masking for indoor activity ('vigorous' activity allowed to un-mask)
 - UIL vs. CDC vs. AAP
 - Loree LaChance: shared Athletics guidelines
 - Clarification on AISD policy from Dr. Jacob Reach
 - Lisa Flores: where did the AISD guidance originate from? CDC or UIL?
 - Trustee Zapata: how to handle visiting teams that are unmasked? Dr. Jacob Reach: UIL rules apply
 - Recommendation to align AISD policy with CDC and AAP guidance
- *Resolved: The SHAC recommends to the Austin ISD School Board Members that the masking policy regarding vigorous indoor activities be modified to require masking in order to align with CDC and AAP guidelines and the recommendation of local physicians.*
- Cynthia Soliz – motion to approve, Lisa Flores – seconded
- Motion passes unanimously: 12 yeas

Co-Chair transition – Cynthia Soliz to Dr. Kimberly Edwards and Mary Renfro

8:18pm: Meeting Adjourned

Approved 11/3/21 -HG