



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

6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Wed., Sept. 15, 2021

Meeting Location: Zoom Videoconference

Attendance:

SHAC:

- Cynthia Soliz (Co-Chair)
- Addison McKenna
- Dolly Lambdin
- Dr. Nicholas Wagner
- Gena McKinley
- Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards
- Mary Renfro
- Lisa Flores
- Susanne Kerns
- Jeff Davis
- Kelly Tarun
- Piper Nelson

AISSD Staff:

- Hannah Gehl, Health Services Specialist
- Stephanie Hebert, Health Education Curriculum Specialist
- Dr. Erin Bown-Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Academics
- Michele Rusnak, Assistant Director of Physical Education & Health Education
- Sundal Ali, Community Equity & Inclusion Coordinator
- Dr. Suzanne Newell, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Ali Ghilarducci, Assistant Director of Community Engagement
- Leonor Vargas, Administrative Supervisor Parent Program
- Patricia Zarate, AISD Interpreter
- Carlos Capra, AISD Interpreter

Other:

- Elizabeth Jacobs
- Megan Zeiler
- Tierney Kirk
- Kristin Kurzawski (AISD RN)
- Mary Castle
- Stephanie Ratliff
- Karen Elez
- Caitlin Mcneal
- Brandi Sharkey
- Alexis Baker
- Caryl Ayala

Proceedings

6:40pm – Mary Renfro called meeting to order

Overview of meeting protocols – Ali Ghilarducci

- Welcome and introductions
- Overview of meeting ‘agreements’

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 & Comments

- Community question – how will opt-in consent forms be distributed and collected
 - Campuses must send out consent forms at least two weeks before the curriculum is implemented
 - Campuses will not be allowed to provide ‘incentives’ to get consent forms turned in
- Community question – how will teachers be trained to cover content
 - Emphasis on not including personal bias or opinion in curriculum
 - Can teachers deviate from the lesson?
 1. Teachers cannot pull in outside content (videos or materials)
 2. Local policy: all student questions can be responded to in ‘age appropriate’ ways. Students would be encouraged to talk to a parent or trusted adult about questions not covered by the curriculum.
- Discussion of HS health class vs. human sexuality and responsibility curriculum vs. social and emotional learning content; re-aligning with new TEKS
- Discussion from AISD school nurse about involvement; allowed to give factual information only, not an educator role
- Counselor team involved in discussions about appropriate support, not directly part of the HSR curriculum
- Community question – are ‘boys’ and ‘girls’ separated during the curriculum?
 - Separation is available, however:
 1. AISD’s values of inclusivity and safe and supportive environments for LGBTQ+ students, increasing number of students identify as transgender or non-binary. As a public school, AISD will welcome all students regardless of identity
 2. Avoiding learned behavior of being uncomfortable with different genders

Discussion of Next Steps

- Additional questions or comments may be submitted via Let’s Talk at 512-886-6434
- Visit the [HSR website](#) each month for additional updates

8:00pm: Meeting Adjourned