

SHAC minutes Feb 3, 2021

In attendance:

- Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.
- Cochair shares language around a resolution drafted about indoor sports and explains the Athletics dept. has declined to come to our meeting. The language :
- Co chair asserts that this committee reports to the school board, not to the Supt, in response to a comment about Dr. Reach looking at resolution.

Public comment: 1 speaker signed up each speaker has 2 minutes.

- Sharon Munroe: asks about which committee is looking into indoor air quality. She is working on and wanted to know if this is appropriate committee. Co-chair says we are not allowed to respond.

Covid 19 update Alexandra Copeland:

Introduction made and parameters of privacy around update. No specific questions can be asked specific to people or campuses.

- Graphs added to Covid dashboard to see where spikes are and rates for staff and students. 183 after winter break.
- Goes over protocols for quarantining classrooms. Positives have decreased from winter break

- On call every Fri. Health officials anticipate being out of stage 5 mid Feb.
- Typically test 550-570 people.
- Alleviating “ health rooms”
- Make sure with positives calling PCP.
- Feb 4, 11 dates for mass testing.
- Last Friday testing during asynchronous days
- AISD not a vaccine distributor. Partnered with Community Care, Austin Public Health. Working off of list from Health and Human resources.
- Q: Do we know if 900 people who got vaccines got 2nd vaccine?
- A: some have reached out to say yes. The agency giving them
- Q: what percentage positive during mass vacc?
- A: 3.93% with rapid tests. 2 months 6700 rapid tests
- Q: can we reach out to medically fragile population of students, homebound students, and 18+ students?
- A: will reach out to see if that can be a priority.
- Q: Who should we recommend teachers and school staff contact that are being told that they fulfill 1 b criteria?
- A: Use Let’s Talk or Hannah Gehl.
- Q: National news and AISD and Public Health is outpacing the positivity rate for Austin Travis County. What can you tell us about this? Cites report from media
- A: The positives we get reported are put on dashboard. Clarity about which positives we report. Ex: remote learner that has never been in school is not reported. Concerned about transmission in campus. If Austin Public Health gets a report

about a student/staff, they must contract trace for that but may not connect those cases to AISD if they haven't been on campus.

Only students reporting on campus are reported.

Q: are sports included?

A: Yes, if the student comes onto campus for any reason, it is reported.

Dr. Avila explains "confounders" as those reporting to campus.

Q: What can the district do to identify students with Down Syndrome to prioritize they get vaccinated.

A: I will find out.

Q: Do we have demographics data for + rates?

A: (I was not able to get the answer)

Recommendation for Athletics.

(paste language here)

Q: should we go with American Academy of Pediatrics recommendations?

A: Yes.

Co chair asks doctor Avashia for her recommendations.

Dr. Avashia: When we look at how virus transmitted and the White House superspreader, the aerosol from people is still at play.

Dr. Edwards: Recommendations around wearing masks. Coaches, volunteer, spectators wear masks. Also says stage info may not be the way to go.

May not be indoor or outdoor issue, but all must wear masks.

Dr. Wagner: decision not based on science. Based on being in Texas and the culture and value of sports. People don't like

being told what to do and loss of liberty. That is what is happening.

Co-chair asks if we should modify resolution to read sports should be suspended unless all can be masked.

Coaches, officials, spectators and volunteers should wear cloth face coverings at all times.

Discussion that masks don't impact performance.

Q: are athletes not wearing masks?

A: Yes, basketball players not expected to wear masks.

Exceptions to masks: cheerleading, wrestling, swimming.

Q: Do we know positivity rates among athletes?

A: no.

Q: is testing mandatory?

A: no. it can be offered but not mandated.

UIL updates placed in chat. <https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19>

All the doctors weigh in.

UIL says face coverings don't have to be worn at all time.

SHAC doesn't want to recommend suspension.

Preference to say required with no consequences.

Michelle: UIL governs athletics.

Michelle Mejia: More of a symbolic statement. How can we push the conversation more around outdoor spaces and other health inequities? See how we can push other things? We might be able to get more traction.

Me: Only passing kids get to play. Only certain kids are passing and the no pass no play rule means. We are perpetuating inequity when only certain kids get to play. Can we recommend alternative means of allowing play?

The policy is shared about mask wearing.

We can recommend testing along with mask wearing?

Hannah reminds us of our charge.

Co-chair explains charge and limits of recommendations and we have no power. We can recommend anything but won't be legally binding.

SHAC utilize Let's Talk to report mask wearing violations.

Let's Talk is collaborative across depts.

Co-chair states impressed with testing 550 people with the staff we have and Hannah being at so many places.

Co-chair has typed thoughts from committee.

Co-chair types up new recommendation.

Me: Wanted explanation of where UIL starts and district ends. I would have appreciated this system.

Director of Athletics was emailed by Hannah. Someone on Director's team saying " No thank you, not at this time". A week notice was provided.

Michelle Rusnak posts UIL/TEA document.

Recommendation is finessed by co-chair

Motion made by Stephanie Carter Seconded Swati Avashia to pass this resolution.

Co chair asks for change forestablished member. Swati brings it Susanne Kerns seconds

Aye votes:

Gena Mc Kinley

Swati Avashi

Kelly Tarun

Stephanie Carter

Michelle Mejia

Susanne Kerns

Lisa Flores

Mary Renfro

Cynthia Soliz

No votes: no one

Abstaining: Dolly Lambdin

Resolution passes with quorum.

Member issues:

- 1. Michelle Mejia: update about meal distribution and VIDA clinic supports ending. What resources are there?**

Response: VIDA until Feb 28. Still taking new clients. VIDA clients will have choice to transfer supports. Counselors are keeping a list. Kimberly eerkes (health services) TCHAT: contract up for recommendation to board soon.

- 2. Subcommittee met 3 weeks ago. Meeting next week about K-3 sexual health education. All are welcome. Recognition to Michelle Rusnak for her response.**
- 3. 8:25 pm adjourned.**