

School Health Advisory Meeting
April 28, 2022 - 4:00p.m.
DISD Board Room

Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Jerri Bone

Jerri Bone welcomed members and reminded them that the meeting is being recorded. Attendance included: Regina Prigge, Lisa Mitchell, Jackie Melancon, Mel Erwin, Jerri Bone, Cindy Aguilar.

Mental Health Programs

Jackie Melancon

Jackie Melancon presented an update on programs to date. Staff In-Service Opportunities provided opportunity to:

- Cyber-bullying video
- Watch *Finding Balance in our Digital World*,
- Understanding the Brain and How to Respond to Mental Health in the Classroom,
- PAX Good Behavior Training,
 - Six-hour training
 - Trauma Informed and is aligned to PBIS
 - Tools for the classroom that include systematic ways to use
 - Provided free through the Department of Family and Protective Services
 - Teacher support is provided throughout the year
- February had National Eating Disorder Week
- May is Mental Health Awareness Week
- Hope Squad will be back up this next year. Four new advisors are being trained to support the teachers. The Grant Haliburton Foundation provides the funding.
- Miss Texas, Mallory Fuller, visited campus. This was funded by the Grant Haliburton Foundation.
- Communities in School offered the opportunity to have a counselor at Scott Middle School and Denison High School. This was funded with ESSER III and Title IV funds.
- Children's Health 2022-23 data was presented. 137 students referred and 124 students assessed.

- Quaver SEL is used at each elementary campus and Rhithm is used at Pathways. The program, Ripple Effects, is being evaluated for students assigned to ISS.

- A parent guide was shared. Jackie will review this for possible use in the district.

- Jackie is researching a parent education program on Vaping. More instances of Vaping are occurring at SMS. There is a need for parent education, staff education, and student education.
- Is there a district policy regarding gender identity, students using alternate names, etc.? Campuses are requesting guidelines.
- Recommendations for continuation or providing additional resources were presented for next year's programs. The discussion included the continuation of Communities in Schools contracts for social workers on DHS and SMS campuses. Program licenses for the Ripple Effects at Pathways and Scott Middle School and the continuation of Rhythm program at Pathways and Quaver SEL program at the elementary campuses were presented.

Food Service Update

Debbie Hosford

Denison ISD will continue to offer free meals for all kids ages 18 and younger this summer at nine locations throughout the community from May 31, 2022 until July 29, 2022. Grades PK- 6 will again eat free breakfast, lunch and after-school meals again next year. We are hoping to move to free meals though grade 8, but do not have final information about that yet. The USDA has not posted the 2022-23 meal information yet, so we do not have the cost of meals for students in grades not offered free. (Jerri Bone presented the information for Ms. Hosford.)

COVID Update

Rachael Ricker

We have not had a positive COVID case since early March. Reports of isolated positive cases have been popping up in the community, but so far it has remained really mild. We are still following TEA exclusion/readmission requirements. If staff/students have systems that are suspect of COVID, they must have a negative test or alternative diagnosis in order to return. Otherwise, they have to wait 5 days from symptom onset to return. As of this time, TEA has not changed any of their guidelines/requirements and would assume that they will remain the same for the remainder of the school year. As for planning for next year, we can't really make any plans until TEA updates their guidance over the summer months. My hope is that they significantly relax exclusion restrictions and I suspect that they will. If/when new guidance is made, I will update the SHAC committee. (Jerri Bone presented the information for Ms. Ricker.)

Concerns for Next Year

Jerri Bone

HVAC plans for this summer – All campuses will be getting improved HVAC systems to improve air quality and meet CDC and ASHRAE guidelines. Central administration building will be scheduled at a later date. ESSER II and III funds will be used for the replacements.

Vaping is a concern that needs to be addressed next year. Teacher, student, and parents need more training and information. More student monitoring appears to be needed on middle school campus.

The Grant Haliburton Foundation will provide an end of year survey for students in grades 6-12 and staff members. Next year concerns may be addressed from survey.

Campuses are seeking policy or guidance concerning gender identity, PE requests, etc.