

## **School Health Advisory Meeting**

**September 26, 2023, 4:00p.m.  
DISD Board Room**

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

Jerri Bone, Mike DeHaven, Jacquine Melancon, Regina Prigge, Debbie Hosford, Shonda Cannon, Mel Erwin, Lauren Hossle, Lisa Mitchell

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Jerri Bone welcomed members. She reminded the committee that a recording of the meeting would be posted on the DISD website

#### **House Bill 3908 – Fentanyl Related Legislation**

Jerri Bone presented a TEA handout, Implementation of Fentanyl-Related Legislation, dated September 21, 2023. SHAC must recommend to the school board the appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction in the dangers of opioids, including addiction to and abuse of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. The district must annually provide to students in grades 6-12 instruction on fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness. The instruction must include information on suicide prevention, prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl, awareness of local school and community resources, and health education that includes information about substance use and abuse.

Senate Bill 629 requires each school district to adopt and implement a policy regarding the maintenance, administration, and disposal of opioid antagonists at each campus that serves students in grades 6-12. Our board policy FFAC (Local) & (Legal) meets that obligation.

#### **Energy Drinks**

Mrs. Hosford related a concern from campus administrators regarding the consumption of energy drinks at schools. Mr. DeHaven stated that we do have a policy in the secondary student handbook. The PK-4 Student Handbook does not address the restriction or policy. Students on some campuses require students to use only clear water bottles. The cafeteria restricts the distribution of drinks to zero sugar. Members were unclear about district restrictions for energy drinks. Mrs. Hosford suggested the SHAC committee recommend a unified policy district-wide. Regina Prigge recommended that the district educate students and families. Mr. DeHaven stated that DHS and SMS consistently monitor and restrict the consumption of energy drinks on campus.

A recommendation to visit with campus principals, review handbook procedures, and revisit this concern at our next SHAC meeting was proposed.

#### **Thrive Program Update**

Jackie Melancon reported on data from the Thrive Survey and compared the data from 2020-2023. The PowerPoint presentation enclosed shows the specific information reported by students and teachers from the three surveys.

### **Communities in Schools**

Amanda Gunter accepted the new position of General Education Behavior Interventionist for the district. She will be working closely with Jackie Melancon to assist new teachers and students. Faith Little began the position for Communities in Schools, on September 28, 2023, at DHS. The student survey results on the success of the Communities in Schools program for last year are reported in the PowerPoint from Ms. Melancon below.

### **Senate Bill 37 – Hazing**

Mike DeHaven reported this bill went into effect September 1, 2023, stating that any hazing be reported to the state and is a class B misdemeanor. How to report the incident, through either PEIMS or another source, has not been clarified. Mr. DeHaven said he would get the committee a clear definition of hazing. To guide students to behavior that is more appropriate is the purpose of the bill. It opens the door to having conversations with students and families.

### **School Security Update    Mike DeHaven**

Denison ISD has submitted an application to have our own ISD police department. A PD allows the district to have more policies, provide better training for officers, and attend SRO schools. All school resource officers are fully trained at this time. Once we have an ISD PD, the officers will be police officers serving as SROs. They enforce the laws of the state of Texas. As SROs, they will continue to build relationships with students and the community.

Blast film is being installed on windows, door locks are being rekeyed, and camera systems are being installed because all external doors will be locked. The camera must view visitors before allowing them to enter through the first door. Jerri Bone asked about communication with parents regarding the new procedures. Mr. DeHaven stated most parents appear to appreciate the security upgrades. They hope to have the cameras installed in October.

Vape and THC is on the uptake and becoming an increasing problem. They are looking at additional training opportunities for parents, students, and families. They are trying to educate themselves on the different types of vapes. The district is looking at a program called Tall Cop, a program to inform and educate students. THC is a felony. The first offense is a school-based disciplinary event. The second offense will involve law enforcement.

Lauren Hossle asked if the new JJAEP building was open. Mr. DeHaven stated that it is open, but Sherman ISD is running the program: therefore, most of the seats are going to Sherman students.

Jackie Melancon explained an IOP program available at Carrus. Students are able to attend three days a week at Carrus and be eligible for school attendance. Charlie Horse is another IOP program.

Mr. DeHaven shared that the state is releasing another school safety grant. This grant will allow us to purchase additional supplies for SROs, provide AI technology, and safety supplies for schools. The safety audit now checks all exterior doors and nine interior classroom doors.

Texas Safety Center through TEA enforces the audits. They have now hired retired school superintendents to audit schools.

Mrs. Erwin asked about the level of support at after-hours-extra-curricular activities. Mr. DeHaven stated that every effort is made to attend all events. There are times when finances or time limits the availability of officers at every event. They evaluate the level of threat to determine which events they attend.

Mrs. Erwin asked about the test strips used to identify fentanyl tablets. Mr. DeHaven stated that the chemical used in the strip is controlled.

**Additional Concerns/ Comments**

No other comments. The meeting adjourned at 5:22.



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