

**School Health Advisory Meeting
November 11, 2021 - 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, either in person or by Zoom, included: Lauren Hossle, Rachael Ricker, Regina Prigge, Kim Potter, Lisa Mitchell, Jackie Melancon, Jerika Liggett, Debbie Hosford, Mel Erwin, Dr. Jeannine Hatt, Jerri Bone, Cindy Aguilar.

Coronavirus Update

Rachael Ricker

Rachael Ricker presented a report on Positive COVID cases. At this time the district has not sent vaccination information to elementary students. However, there is a plan to send materials in few weeks.

We have had zero staff positives in the past two weeks. Transmission levels have dropped from high to substantial. Booster dose clinic was Nov. 5. We had a high participation rate. (District data attached)

Mental Health Update

Jackie Melancon

Jackie Melancon presented a report highlighting updates regarding recent mental health activities in the district. Topics covered included:

- Grant Haliburton Foundation
- Suicide Prevent Week activities
 - Emails with staff resources were sent.
 - Mayes Elementary shared (coping skills and at risk identification)
 - PHS – Lindy Olsen sent
- Mental Awareness Week
 - Information sent information on Anxiety, Depression, Anger, and Self Care information
 - Jackie sent a survey asking staff to identify five greatest needs.
 - Shawn Williams collaborates with R10 to provide professional development. She will assist the district in providing training for the areas identified as needs in the survey.
 - Considering presentations for parents regarding vaping. Jackie is collaborating with Holly Bach from DHS to plan a session for the spring. Students

- Denison ISD was able to hire a Communities in Schools social worker for SMS. Kristy Caldwell started November 4. She will work in three primary areas:
 - Attendance/ Home Visits
 - Behavioral Concerns
 - Students in Crisis
- She has received positive response from campuses regarding the Quaver SEL curriculum.
- TeleHealth report
 - 26 students referred
 - 21 students have been assessed
 - 44 virtual visit
 - 173 Supportive case contacts
 - Students requiring more intensive support are referred to local agencies.
 - Three sessions are free of charge. Fees after that are \$50.00. The Texoma Health Foundation donated \$50,000.00 to support students who are unable to pay.

(Report Attached)

School Menu Development

Debbie Hosford

The School Menu Development policy requires community involvement in the process. Parents can join the SHAC meetings, attend, and provide input on the menu development. Staff, parents, students, and community members are invited to attend. Recommendations must meet the criteria for calories, fats, etc.

Kim Potter recommended creating a survey for younger students. Mel Erwin from SMS reported that there is less food discarded at lunch than breakfast. Salads are packaged nicely and appealing, but students still often throw them away. Fruit that is cut up is eaten more often than whole fruits.

There is currently only one option at elementary schools, but food service is hoping to add more options next year. Food service individually packages each food item. However, packages are becoming more difficult to purchase.

SCDE LWP Survey Summary

Jerri Bone

Jerri Bone clarified that “policy” questions in the wellness policy assessment refer to district board policy. Needs identified included:

- Adding representatives from Houston, Terrell, Mayes, and Pathways
- Adding student and parent representatives
- 5B – Allowing non-exempt foods during fundraisers

- Foods that do not meet Smart Snack requirements are sold to students during the school day.
- Training may be required to remind campus staff of the Smart Snack requirements.
- Schools did not allow students to sell snacks during Neewollah
- Campuses are selling popcorn that does not meet the Smart Snack guidelines.
- 8 – Nutrition Education
 - Elementary students receive nutrition education during health and PE classes.
 - Middle school students attend health classes.
 - High school students are not required to attend health classes.
 - Family and Consumer Science courses are offered at the high school.
- 9a and 9b – Team Nutrition is not in place.
- 12 – Students sometimes miss recess for disciplinary reasons
- 15 & 15B – Information is posted on the food service web site. However, the name of designated officer and contact information needs to be added.
- 19 – Teachers or parents can give students any food item. However, food may not be sold during the school day.

Other

Health textbooks are being adopted this year. The board of trustees will adopt a policy establishing a process for the adoption of curriculum materials for the school district's human sexuality instruction. The SHAC committee will provide a recommendation to the board. This will be addressed in the January meeting.

Dr. Hatt reported that parents who come to her office often request support in teaching their children about human sexuality.

Next meeting will be held in January.