

Grand Prairie ISD School Health Advisory Council

Minutes for: November 8, 2023, from 12:00pm-1:00pm
Location: GPISD Education Center Board RM A

A meeting of the School Health Advisory Council was called to order on Nov 8, 2023, at 12:05pm by Mary Linicomn

Attendees: Mary Linicomn, Mireya Usery, Esmeralda Rumbaugh, Ashley Regalado, Chris Hamilton, Rich Laffey, Dustin Seymoure, Zhiloh Israel, Gwendolyn Sanders, Dulce Ramirez, Rosie Mendez, Emily Liles, Heather Anderson, Jasmine Gaines, Jason Farris, Maria Herrera, Ana Alfaro, Vanessa Baum, Paola Hernandez, Dr. Debra Boozer, Dr. Dana Jackson.

Mary Linicomn welcomed everyone. Mary reminded participants to sign in and that the meeting is being recorded.

Mary Linicomn introduced new members: Paola Hernandez-Parent and Ashley Regalado-Parent. Administrators: Dr. Dana Jackson, Dr. Debra Boozer, Mr. Laffey, Emily Liles, Maria Herrera, and Dustin Seymoure. Community Members: Vanessa Baum, Chris Hamilton, Jason Farris, Ana Alfaro, Dulce Ramirez.

Minutes Approval: A motion was made and approved to accept the April Minutes.

Old Business Review:

- Playground Safety
- Narcan
- Health Fair
- Growth/Development Program
- UDCA Training

New Business:

Food Services: Dustin Seymoure introduced Zhiloh Israel, District Nutritionist. Dustin reviewed upcoming projects in Food Services including: the Thanksgiving Meal where Administrators will be volunteering, World Food, & Fresh Fruit Friday. The introduction of Smart Snack. Annie's Frozen Yogurt will be introduced. Food services is actively working on promoting nutrition education.

Students have participated in taste testing. Dustin discussed the introduction of Build Your Own Salad at South. This introduction attracted 300 students in its initiation! Dustin and his team received praise from the Board President, Emily Liles, for their achievements.

Rich Laffey- Director of Safety Initiatives: Evacu Chair

Mr. Laffey demonstrated the Evacu Chair being used on multilevel campuses to be used in emergency situations to remove students and staff when they are unable to walk or use the elevator. Most of the multilevel campuses have at least two chairs. The goal is to purchase enough chairs for each campus, placing chairs at different vantage points. The cost per chair is approximately \$1400 pre tax and shipping. Currently there are only two campuses with a deficit of chairs. The Evacu Chair is being implemented during fire drills. Designated Safety Coordinators and Campus Nurses are trained on each campus. Students who are currently in wheelchairs can use the portable stretcher that is in the backpack.

Gwendolyn Sanders, LCSW- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Advisor

Mrs. Sanders presented House Bill 3908, which states that every district shall annually provide no less than 10 hours research-based instruction related to fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness to students of all school levels. Mrs. Sanders presented the resources being used to develop a program for GPISD. Mrs. Sanders presented videos from Natural High and Discovery. Mrs. Sanders created an interactive activity for students to learn facts about fentanyl. Mrs. Sanders stated the curriculum will be taught by herself and other staff members. Mrs. Sanders mentioned Narcan being available on campuses. Mrs. Sanders stated she has presented to Administrators. Mrs. Sanders will make the resources available in the SHAC Google Folder for review and approval.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 6th noon, location TBD. Mary Linicomn will send a notification.

Open for Members and Announcements:

Vanessa Baum introduced the flyers she is providing for Family Place.

Maria Herrera announced the upcoming Parenting on the Go; discussing Digital Abuse from the B Project which will be held at DAEP 12/14/23 at 6pm. Mrs. Herrera also announced the Toys for Tots initiative being held now through December 4th.

Dustin Seymoure invited SHAC to the Thanksgiving Meal on November 14th on Secondary campuses and November 16th on Elementary campuses.

Ana Alfaro announced Medicaid/CHIP renewal assistance at Library, information will be emailed to Mary Linicomn.

Mary Linicomn reminded members that more parent representatives are needed and asked that we all spread the word and invite parents.

Mary Linicomn adjourned the meeting at 12:57pm.