

District Site Based/SHAC Committee Meeting

Date: December 18, 2024

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: MISD Central Office

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The Merkel ISD District Site-Based/SHAC Committee met on December 18, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. at the Merkel Central Office, 314 Manchester, Merkel, Texas

Members Present:

Mr. Joseph O'Malley	Board Designee
Mr. Rocky Reed	Principal
Mrs. K'rin Young	Principal
Mrs. Renee Carey	Principal
Mrs. Amanda Swafford	Member
Mr. Michael Reddin	Member
Mrs. Eva White	Member
Mrs. Rachel Allen	Member
Mrs. Jansen Wilhite	Member
Mrs. April Duncan-Munden	Member
Mrs. Sandra Nichols	Member
Mrs. Terese Justiss	Member
Mrs. Brin Reed	Member
Mrs. Nicki Salas	Member
Mrs. Marina Rainwater	Member
Mrs. Heather O'Malley	Member
Mrs. Tammie Stephens	Member
Mrs. Cheri Adair	Member
Mrs. Rachael Holloway	Member
Mrs. Kelli Pedone	Member
Mrs. Stephanie Sartor	Member
Ms. Carol Dunn	Member
Mrs. Rachelle Rister	Member
Mrs. Ashlei Adams	Member
Mr. Lane Petty	Member

Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order | Joseph O'Malley called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees, facilitated introductions, and reviewed the agenda. Reviewed rationale for the addition of the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) to DSBC. |
| 2. Major of District-Wide Programs | Renee Carey and K'rin Young provided updates on key topics, including a presentation and discussion of significant programs, an update on the *Leader in Me* initiative, and the latest developments regarding TIA (Teacher Incentive Allotment). |
| 3. MISD Academic Calendar Review | Joseph O'Malley provided an update on the TEA staff development waiver and presented proposed formats for the upcoming year's calendar for review and discussion. |
| 4. Open Floor for Member Input | Joseph O'Malley presented the results of the school climate surveys, which included responses from students and teachers. The group was |

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asked to review the data and prepare to provide feedback and suggestions for improvements at an upcoming meeting.

5. SHAC

- a. **Why is SHAC required, and what is the purpose**

Kelli Pedone provided an overview of the purpose and goals of the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), emphasizing its role in improving student well-being, supporting academic achievement, and promoting lifelong healthy behaviors.
- b. **Review 2023-2024 SHAC Report**

Kelli Pedone presented the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Report Summary.

The SHAC, composed of parents, staff, and administrators, held four meetings during the 2023-2024 school year, focusing on initiatives to promote student and staff wellness, compliance with legislation, and health education. Key discussions included the implementation of opioid addiction education, the introduction of Narcan overdose kits on campuses, staff wellness programs, and partnerships to provide substance abuse prevention and support services. Recommendations to the board included vaping education for students and hiring a CIS staff member at the elementary school to support social and economic needs, reducing the burden on counselors and nurses.
- c. **Staff vaccination clinic**
 - i. **Review results**

Kelli Pedone presented the results of the staff immunization clinic held on 9/18/24. Staff received 25 flu shots, 5 Covid shots and 6 other shots, such as RSV, pneumonia, shingles and Tdap.
 - ii. **Changes for next year**

Next year, Merkel Drug will provide the staff shot clinic as this will keep the business in the local community and help a local business.
- d. **Discuss Menu**

Brin Reed The menus are available online through the school website, Merkel ISD.net. We offer two entrees, veggies, and fruit options so students can choose what they eat. The menus are created so that the students have varied fresh fruits and vegetables and hot entree choices. Opened up for Q & A
- e. **Nutritional guidelines Q&A**

Brin Reed All Nutritional Guidelines are set first by USDA and then by TDA, any changes that they make can take up to 5 years to change or implement. These guidelines cover every item within school nutrition from the serving sizes for each child to the amount of grain in the bread.
- f. **Upcoming Audit**

Brin Reed
Merkel ISD Child Nutrition Department will be receiving a TDA scheduled audit in April. The on-site day is April 10th and the high school campus will be the site that is getting audited that

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day. They could go to the elementary for a brief period. More details at a later time.

g. Wellness Policy and timeline for triennial assessment

Brin Reed The Wellness policy is overseen by the SHAC committee. The Wellness Policy is also available on the school website. Within the policy, there are items listed like community knowledge of the school facilities that are open to them, PE curriculum, lunch times, staff wellness plans, and items dealing with students' wellness and how to better help and concerns within the school. Each year the SHAC committee reviews the Wellness Policy to see if there are any updates or changes that need to be made. Once the Policy is reviewed it is taken to the school board for finalizing. Once every three years the policy is reviewed under the Triennial assessment. The whole policy is reviewed again. A survey will be sent out through a public app for all community members with students enrolled in school and staff. This survey will be reviewed to see what if any changes need to be made.

N/A

h. Other business

6. Future Meeting Planning

Joseph O'Malley indicated that the next scheduled SHAC meeting is set for March 4, 2025; however, an additional meeting may be required beforehand to review and approve the 2025-2026 academic calendar.

7. Wrap Up

Joseph O'Malley summarized key takeaways and action items. It was agreed upon that the next meeting date would be on March 4 @ 4:30 p.m. Joseph O'Malley thanked the group for their attendance and participation.

8. Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.