

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Joseph O'Malley, Superintendent

Minutes for the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting on 12-15-2021

The Merkel ISD Student Health Advisory Council met on December 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Merkel ISD Administration Conference Room.

The following members were present were:

Joseph O'Malley, Superintendent
Kelli Pedone, MHS, BSN, RN - District RN and SHAC Coordinator/Co-Chair
Daniel L. McDuff, RN, Parent/Co-Chair
K'rin Young, MMS Principal
Brin Reed, MISD Food Service Director
Nicki Salas, LVN MES
Carol Dunn, MMS Health Aide
Mandy Schuman, CPS, RSPS, Abilene Recovery Council CCP Coalition Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Kelli Pedone and welcomed members.

Reviewed minutes from last meeting.

Kelli Pedone updated members on the wellness challenge. The StepBet ran from September 27th - October 31st. Thirty-four (34) people (staff and community members) joined, and twenty-five (25) finished the challenge. \$30 entry fee to sign-up and winners received \$34.68, so \$4.68 earnings. Informed SHAC members that people have asked for another StepBet in the Spring along with a Biggest Loser Contest. Discussion was had regarding length of contest and when to have it. Mandy Shuman with Abilene Recovery Council informed the SHAC that her agency can head up a 5K/Color Run type activity for the district to help raise funds for Project Graduation. The SHAC likes this idea. Nothing finalized at this time.

Discussion regarding sexual education curriculum. The only curriculum approved by the TX SBOE was Goodheart-Willcox. SHAC members were given a handout from Goodheart-Willcox with the lessons outlined and changes made to meet the Health TEKS. SHAC members were informed that two open meetings are required to present the curriculum to parents, and then the SHAC provides their recommendation of curriculum at an open meeting of the school board meeting.

Kelli Pedone suggested that the publisher representative present remotely to the SHAC, in an open meeting, to present the curriculum and answer any questions. SHAC members agreed. Kelli will also share the login information with the SHAC members to view the curriculum online ahead of the presentation.

Kelli Pedone will contact the Goodheart-Willcox rep and see if he can present at our next tentative meeting scheduled for February 2, 2022 at 4:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.