

Austin I.S.D. School Health Advisory Council Meeting

6:00 p.m-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 1/18/23 Meeting

Location: 4000 S. IH 35 Frontage Road, 2nd Floor, Austin, Tx 78704

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter or Staff Resource
6:04 p.m.	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>Trustee Members in Attendance: No members</p> <p>SHAC Members in Attendance: Mary Renfro Kimberly Avila Edwards Stacey Smith Addison McKenna Nick Wagner Belynda Berkley Montgomery Beeral Gupta Suzanne Kerns Whitney Thurman</p> <p>There are 9 SHAC members in attendance and meet quorum.</p> <p>Claire Selinger – joined after Roll Call</p> <p>Austin ISD Staff in Attendance: Alana Bejarano Jose Serrano Ginger Voss Donna Piket Rachel Dunn Stephanie Hebert Sundal Ali Dr. Jacob Reach Patricia Werner – joined after meeting started</p>	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards & Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs
6:05 p.m.	Introductions and Recognition of Guests	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards & Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs
6:06 p.m.	<p>Community Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marie & Riley Faridifar • Allison Behr, parent, Board member appointment pending approval • Sarah McKenna, parent 	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards & Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker: Riley Faridifar, 7 year old student • We have 90 kids in gym class – it’s not safe and no teacher when we split classes. I do not like gym now, please change it. 	
6:15 p.m.	<p>Reading and approval of minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Wagner put in a motion to pass Dec. minutes • Belynda seconded the motion • All members unanimously passed Dec. minutes 	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards & Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs
6:16 p.m.	<p>Health Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will continue to work on Fentanyl awareness and education • We have used Narcan on campuses, campus police have used it; no known fatalities at schools • AISD is learning much from Hays CISD • Dr. Gallas has connected us with Travis Co. Medical Services for a community collaboration • New board waiting for SHAC recommendations for new year • Mary Renfro: does Hays CISD have a deficit of Narcan. No, there is not a deficit. During the Break, there were students who had overdoses. • Kimberly Avila Edwards: how do we track mental health services per legislation? Supplement counselors with loan services • Stacey Smith: with passage of the bond, a school was supposed to have a Mental Health clinic open; Is this dependent on contracts? Matias Segura, Interim Superintendent and Alana have talked about every location having a mental health space. Gold standard is to have this at every campus. Stay tuned for more information. 	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edward and Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs AISD Health Services Department – Alana Bejarno
6:20 p.m.	<p>Wellness Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question about how the wellness policy changed from 20 pages to 4 pages. Seems like the new policy checks the boxes for legal. • Belynda: Met with Dr. Wagner and Rachel Dunn to review the policy; the policy is per federal guidelines, but does not reflect AISD and what it stands for. Rachel recommended a more comprehensive policy that considers the Whole Child perspective. • Dr. Wagner: We need a revised recommendation; there are some philosophical points I disagree with. • Belynda asked for the Wellness Policy review to be on the April SHAC Agenda • Rachel: there is no deadline to update a Wellness policy, it can be updated anytime. There is a triennial Assessment – due June 30. • Stacey Smith: does each school need to have their own Wellness policy? Should a school have a written wellness policy? 	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards & Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs Belynda Montgomery

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob Reach: schools must have a plan and a policy • Stephanie Hebert: Is Wellness Policy under Pat? 	
6:30 pm	<p>Items from Members</p> <p>Special Guest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sundal Ali steers Equity Advisory Committee – leads LGBTQIA - 25+ group of students and staff; asking for SHAC to sign off on recommendations focused on how to support queer students, particularly those students in Elementary schools; students can start Pride groups at any level, but there are none at the Elementary level. She is asking for support from AISD to make a public agreement. • Student clubs fall on the counselors in ES. • Addison McKenna: supports this initiative at ES level. • Kimberly: What are 5 other subcommittees? Equity Enrollment; Access to Student Programs • Stacey: is this to support a mandated club? • Sundal: We want a public agreement to support any school that wants to have a Pride club for their students. • Suzanne Kerns: is there a contact if students are not getting support from their schools? Pride Week is not optional, it's required. • Stephanie: had to put out a lot of fires for backlash on how gender was discussed in sex. education curriculum. • Nick: for 6th grade and higher, pride clubs cannot be disallowed. Is this possible for other levels? This is a state law, not AISD policy. SHAC can make a recommendation so these should be disallowed. • Jacob Reach: grades 6-12 was a TX Supreme Court decision. AISD can have a policy at ES level if students want to have a club then we can approve it; it must be viewpoint neutral. That would apply to any club that any students want to start. • Clubs are student-led, counselors are adult sponsored • Claire: wants to make sure there is appropriate support for all to be included • Creation of a club would only exist if the students requested it. • Stacey: is there confidentiality agreement if a student identifies? That has not been decided. • Alana: what can SHAC do to support? The EAC is asking for SHAC can sign off on recommendations; they want alignment with SHAC so it will be accepted overall. • Kimberly: This issue would need to be on the Feb. agenda to be able for SHAC to vote on it. EAC will vote on this on Feb. 7 so SHAC will have final version to vote on. • Update from Cynthia Soliz: wants uniformity for creating awareness about poisonous plants on campuses put on next Agenda for Feb. meeting. • Kimberly: recommends a Subcommittee to look at this topic. Is signage the only issue? We may not be able to do this by Feb. asked for a volunteer to take the lead on this issue. 	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards & Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alana: SHAC as a group must decide on prioritizing issues – top priorities to present to report to the Board for the Annual Report in April. • Whitney: feels like it is outside SHAC scope. May be a facilities issue. If poisonous plants are discovered with a scan then it should be researched further. • Stephanie: not everything has to be a Board recommendation. This issue is part of the physical environment and part of SHAC. Does not think we need to have a vote on it at this time <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval letters: drafted on Elementary school – guidelines; outline successes and recommendations. Vote will be taken at next meeting. • Christina Sheppard – successful with 97% enrollment, Thrive with Five- program has 298 employees enrolled; Grant funding received for field trips • PE: first round of Human Sexuality Ed. sessions was completed; interviewed by radio and Austin American Statesman; still collecting data from all schools • Coordinated School Health: doing more education about it; sending out Principal Weekly’s highlighting one area of Coordinated School Health and their supports. • Temperature guidelines will be presented at Feb. meeting by Pat Werner • May SHAC meeting will either be in person or not have a meeting. Need to discuss how to fill new Chair positions. Candidates should be decided by March so it can be voted on. 	
7:23pm	Adjourn	Dr. Kimberly Avila Edwards & Mary Renfro, Co-Chairs