

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

6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m., Wednesday October 18, 2023

Meeting Location:

AISD Headquarters 2nd Floor PD Room

The SHAC may take action during the meeting as it clearly and directly relates to any agenda item on the table at the time.

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter or Staff Resource
6:00 p.m.	<p>Call to Order Meeting called to order @ 6:01 By Susanne Kerns</p>	<p>Belynda Montgomery, Co-Chair Susanne Kerns, Co-Chair</p>
6:05 p.m.	<p>Introductions and recognition of guests Trustee Boswell was introduced. Lauren Woods from AISD Head Start introduced herself.</p> <p>SHAC members in attendance: Addison McKenna Alana O'Malley Ava McGuire Belynda Barkley Montgomery Francesca Leahy Juliette Owens Leah Kelly Maria Solis Mary Renfro Dr. Michele Gallas Nina Miller Susanne Kerns</p> <p>AISD staff in attendance: Alana Bejarano: Health Services Nancy Byers: Coordinator, High School Counselors Dr. Kimberly Wilson: Director Mental Health Crisis Management Lauren Woods: AISD Head Start Pat Werner: Director Health and PE Stephanie Hebert: Health Specialist Kari Hazard: PE Specialist Kelli Page: Health and PE Specialist</p> <p>Trustees in attendance: Lynn Boswell</p> <p>Guests in attendance: Melody Alcazar: ESAC Representative Sarah McKenna</p>	<p>Belynda Montgomery, Co-Chair Susanne Kerns, Co-Chair</p>
6:10 p.m.	<p>Community Communications One community communication request was made from a SHAC member. That will be done later in the meeting.</p>	<p>Addison McKenna, Student Representative</p>
6:20 p.m.	<p>Reading and Approval of Minutes Motion was made to approve September minutes. 2nd received. Motion was approved. None opposed. None Abstained @6:17PM</p>	<p>Belynda Montgomery, Co-Chair Susanne Kerns, Co-Chair</p>

6:25p.m.	<p>ESAC Letter Discussion & Vote</p> <p>Melody Alcazar read a statement from ESAC about their letter to the School Board regarding the IH-35 Expansion and the effects traffic emissions will have on AISD student health in surrounding areas. SHAC members had the opportunity to ask questions. Co-Chairs stated the reasoning behind the vote being taken at this meeting and not when it was first requested at the end of last year. Co-Chairs stated that SHAC would only be joining forces with the work that ESAC has already done and agree with the statements that are being made. The Co-Chairs want to make sure all members agree before SHAC signs the letter.</p> <p>Motion was made to sign the letter. 2nd received. Motion was approved. None opposed. None Abstained @6:20PM</p>	<p>Belynda Montgomery, Co-Chair Susanne Kerns, Co-Chair Melody Alcazar: ESAC Representative</p>
6:35 p.m.	<p>Superintendent Profile and Hiring Process</p> <p>Trustee Boswell discussed the process for hiring the next AISD Superintendent. Profiles provided by GR Recruiting were distributed to the members. The timeline for hiring is July 1, 2023. The district and the trustees are currently seeking input from the community and the district staff to determine next steps in the hiring process. Trustee Boswell explained how the community could contact the board members to give feedback.</p> <p>The two questions the School Board is focusing on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is the current profile that has been submitted still the profile that AISD needs and wants? ● What are the next steps for the district? Does the district want to do a national search or something else? <p>The members asked clarifying questions and offered their input on what they felt needed to be changed and/or adjusted on the profile and for the process itself.</p>	<p>Lynn Boswell, AISD Trustee</p>
6:55 p.m.	<p>District Updates: Health Services</p> <p>Alana Bejarano delivered the update from the Health Service and Nursing Department. She reported that all of the Middle Schools and High Schools are currently covered with nursing care. The Nurse at Martin MS is new to Martin MS as she moved from Lively MS. There is now a vacancy that will be hired at Lively MS.</p> <p>Seton continues to cover nursing services at all Elementary Schools. Alana also reported that she and Trustee Zapata are working on a vision initiative designed to support the youngest students in our district (3-4 year olds) who have failed the vision test at school. The Lion’s Club has been working with the district to support these students.</p> <p>The Co-Chairs asked for reports about district specific health statistics such as vaccines, flu, and COVID numbers from the Health Services Department at future meetings if the Health Services Department already has that data.</p>	<p>Alana Bejarano, Executive Director of Health Services & Nursing</p>
7:05 p.m.	<p>Mental Health Update Presentation</p> <p>Dr. Kimberly Wison and Nancy Byers presented AISD updates to Mental Health and Counseling. Dr. Wilson explained the tiered intervention model for campuses when supporting students. She also explained that the Mental Health Clinics are still active in Austin ISD but the change is that AISD is now in control of the centers and hires the LMHPs who are serving students. While there is a shortage of some staff, the biggest problem is a shortage of space to have the centers on campuses.</p>	<p>AISD Mental Health & Counseling Staff Nancy Byers: Coordinator, High School Counselors Dr. Kimberly Wilson: Director Mental Health Crisis Management</p>

	<p>It was explained that multiple departments within AISD collaborate to provide services for all students.</p> <p>SHAC members asked several clarifying questions. The Co-Chairs asked if more questions came in from the SHAC members, could the staff answer their questions. They agreed to answer all questions and would be happy to come back to a later meeting to provide updates.</p> <p>Counseling and Mental Health Update Presentation</p>	
7:25p.m.	<p>Items from Members</p> <p>SHAC Member, Leah Kelly, read a statement regarding her concerns about Mental Health services in AISD.</p> <p>SHAC member, Mary Renfro, recognized that the 2 AISD Teachers of the Year, Meghan Vasquez (Becker Elementary PE Teacher) and Samantha Marion (Rosedale Life Skills Teacher), were also selected to be Regional Teachers of the Year.</p>	<p>Belynda Montgomery, Co-Chair Susanne Kerns, Co-Chair</p>
7:30pm	<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned @ 7:36 PM.</p>	<p>Belynda Montgomery, Co-Chair Susanne Kerns, Co-Chair</p>

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<https://www.austinisd.org/advisory-bodies/shac/meetings>

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Instructions on how to register to testify at the Capitol: House / Senate Witness Registration:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/hwrspublic/about.aspx>