

SHAC Minutes for February 8, 2022-

Members of the SHAC met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the cafeteria on the secondary campus. Those present were Selena Sheets, Jenny Carpenter, Keely Vanacker, Amber Chavira, Michelle Fairchild and Catherine Kern.

The minutes from the December 7th meeting had been emailed to members to make changes as needed. The only change made was under New Business, regarding the wording of the ITM Warrior Band Christmas Concert on December 9th. The updated minutes were emailed to members again and no changes or additions were made. Selena Sheets made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Michelle Fairchild seconded motion and it was approved.

Counselor News-

IES: TELPAS testing/collections began on Monday, February 7th. IES 4th grade students were selected by TEA to take the 4th grade Field STAAR test this year. Parents have been notified. Results of this test will not be provided to the school from the state. Counselor Annie Jones continues with her Guidance Lessons for elementary students and is going into classrooms for lessons, which include Digital Citizenship (specifically cyberbullying and David's Law) for 4th and 5th graders, Responsibility for 2nd and 3rd grade, and Kindergarten and 1st graders are learning about Apologizing.

IMS: Middle School students have begun TELPAS and will continue through the end of March. Mrs. Vanacker, IMS Counselor, is also continuing her Guidance Lessons and meets with students during their 8th period Pathways class. Mrs Vanacker is showing students different coping strategies, and will also be discussing class schedules for next year, and career interests. Middle school students recently competed in a UIL Academic Meet and placed 2nd in district, and a large number of students placed first and second in their individual events.

ITM: students will begin their course selections for the 2022-2023 school year at the end of February. Information will be posted on the school website for parents and students.

National Counseling Week began on Monday, February 7th and will end on Friday, February 11th. Our counselors have been receiving notes of appreciation and many "thank yous" from students and staff this week.

Nurse News-

IES: Amber Chavira, IES nurse, reported that while Covid testing had increased after Christmas break (183 Covid tests done in January), the numbers have decreased significantly this month. All required screenings (vision, hearing, Acanthosis Nigricans, and spinal) have been completed for the year, and are conducted on an as needed basis now for new students.

IMS/ITM: The secondary campus has also seen a decrease in the number of students and staff who are Covid testing in the clinic. A total of 212 Covid tests were conducted during the month of January. The IES clinic and the secondary clinic each received an additional 500 rapid tests at the beginning of February, at no cost to the school. TEA has allotted each district a budget for test kits and testing supplies, and IISD is receiving the tests from Achieve Health Management. All required screenings for the school year have been completed on the secondary campus as well, with the exception of new to district students, and those are completed upon enrollment.

Gym News-

IES: Heart Heroes began on Monday, January 31st and will continue through February 17th. Students have raised a little over \$1,000 so far, with a goal of \$4,000. All of the proceeds go to the American Heart Association, and depending on the amount raised, schools are able to earn gift certificates to purchase items, such as gym or PE equipment. February is American Heart Month, and students will be learning all about their hearts during PE class. Coach Fairchild is currently conducting Fitnessgram testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students, and is hoping to be finished by Spring Break. She also mentioned that new TEKS were adopted for next year by the State Board of Education, so a new curriculum will be in place for the 2022-2023 school year.

Cafeteria News-

Jenny Carpenter, Director of Child Nutrition for IISD, discussed the upcoming audit for the cafeterias, which will be held on March 22nd. She and her staff have been working on getting paperwork and reports together that will be needed for the audit.

New Business-

Ingram Middle School will be hosting the Worth the Wait program for 7th and 8th grade students on Monday, April 11th in the auditorium. Ginger Ellis-Wilson, Director of The Parenting Resource Center in Kerrville will be presenting the program, which is abstinence based, and educates students about making safe and healthy choices. Worth the Wait is a program based on facts that covers topics such as character, teen pregnancy, STDs, contraception, sex and the law, risky behaviors, healthy relationships, setting goals, etc. The program and curriculum have been approved by Ingram ISD School Board and our School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) (See EHAC Legal). Boys and girls will be separated for each session, for an added level of comfort. Due to recent changes in state legislation, and the approval of House Bill 1525, parents will now have to “opt in” if they want their child to attend, rather than “opt out” as they have in the past. A letter will be mailed to parents with permission slips to return to the nurse for those who will be participating. A call out to 7th and 8th grade parents will also be done prior to the letters being mailed. The program’s curriculum will also be posted on the district website for

anyone who would like to read it prior to April 11th. Parents are encouraged to call the school nurse with any questions they may have.

There was no further new business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm. The final SHAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 4:00 pm in the cafeteria on the secondary campus.

Respectfully submitted by-

Catherine Kern, Secretary