

SHAC Minutes for 10-8-2024

Members of the SHAC met on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 in the cafeteria on the secondary campus. Those present were Jenny Carpenter, Tammy Amerson-Wilson, Emily Morales, Jill Chesson, Lydia Nichols, Allison Page, Tamie Arnold, Brandie Guzman, and Catherine Kern. The minutes from May 6, 2024 were emailed to members prior to the meeting for additions and corrections. Jill Chesson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Lydia Nichols seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Counselor News-

IES: Annie Jones, IES Counselor, emailed the committee with news from the Elementary school. They have seen an increase in the student population of approximately 5%. Last year, they finished the 2024 school year with 608 students. The current student population is 641. Students are enjoying many fun activities so far this year, such as Adventure Dash Fun Run and Science Alive. They are looking forward to the Halloween parade, the annual Walk-A-Thon, and Turkey Bowling. Students in 3rd through 5th grade will be doing interim testing from November 4-8. This testing allows teachers to monitor growth and achievement according to specific learning goals and academic standards outlined in the TEKS. Students will begin guidance lessons on November 4th. The topics will be as follows-KG and 1st grade: Meet the Counselor, Tattling, 2nd and 3rd-Attitude of Gratitude, and 4th and 5th-the Dangers of Hoaxing.

IMS: Allison Page, IMS Counselor, reported that SACADA (San Antonio Council on Alcohol and Drug Awareness) is doing a 10 week program for MS students that is focusing on positive choices. They will also be educating the students on Opioid Awareness during Red Ribbon Week, beginning on October 21.

ITM: Ms Arnold, ITM Counselor, reported that she has been conducting lessons with students during 3 AVID classes once a week. One of the topics is based on the book 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Students also took a personality test to help them better understand themselves. The Acts of Kindness group is meeting every other Thursday in the morning before school in the Media Center. World Kindness Day is November 13, and the group will be working on a bulletin board in the hallway of the main building of the high school. HS students attended a Career and College Speaker Series on Tuesday, October 8th. All juniors and some seniors will be taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) on Wednesday, October 9th. Juniors and Seniors will be taking a field trip to Angelo State University, UTSA and Texas A&M in San Antonio on Thursday, October 17th.

Nurse News-

IES: per Catherine Kern, on behalf of Amber Chavira, annual vision and hearing screenings are being conducted, and spinal screenings for 5th grade girls will be done on Monday, November 4th. IES hosted a Flu Shot clinic on Friday, Sept 20 during their Staff Development day. The clinic was sponsored by Kerrville Drug.

IMS/ITM: Catherine Kern, IMS/ITM nurse, reported that hearing and vision screenings are also being conducted on the secondary campus for all 7th grade students, as well as those who are new to the district. A date has not yet been set for spinal screenings for 7th grade girls and 8th grade boys, but they will be done before the end of the first semester. Kerrville Drug will be sponsoring another flu shot clinic for the secondary campus on Friday, November 1st during Staff Development.

Gym News-via email, Michelle Fairchild reported that students at the Elementary school are learning routines for daily activities and are currently working on the Throwing and Catching unit. Fitnessgram testing began this month for students in grades 3-5. The school also had their annual fundraiser, called the Adventure Dash. Prior to the main event on September 27, students were given a daily health lesson. The fundraiser was a huge success, raising approximately \$35,000 for the new playground, and everyone had a great time.

Cafeteria News-Jenny Carpenter shared with the committee that the cafeteria is serving over 530 students daily during lunch and over 430 at the elementary school during lunch.

New Business-members of the SHAC discussed the annual Worth the Wait presentation for MS students. This education is required and is typically done in the Spring semester, with the help of the Parenting Resource Center in Kerrville. The SHAC explored different ideas regarding this program, including topics that need to be covered by the presenter, as well as whether to include high school students in Human Sexuality Instruction. More information will be shared at the December SHAC meeting.

The SHAC also discussed ideas for the required Fentanyl Abuse Prevention and Drug Poisoning Awareness Education for students in grades 6-12. Per TEA guidelines, instruction must include suicide prevention, prevention of abuse/addiction to Fentanyl, awareness of school and community resources and health education that includes information about substance use and abuse. Middle School students will be receiving the required education during Red Ribbon Week, and High School students will be attending a presentation in the Spring Semester. Members of the SHAC will reach out to the community to find resources and will share an update at the meeting in December.

Tammy Amerson-Wilson, Wesley Nurse, shared information about supplies for families and students, including diapers and feminine hygiene products. Emily Morales, Community Health Worker with Methodist Healthcare Ministries, shared information regarding the Harvest Festival

at Light on the Hill, at 610 Methodist Encampment Road. The festival will take place on Saturday, November 2nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and will be free to the community. There will be food, games, bounce houses, a petting zoo, hayrides, live music and more. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

The committee then discussed the SHAC Membership list for 2024-2025, as there have been some changes. Brandie Guzman was added to the parent list as an IES parent, and her title was changed from Assistant Principal to ITM Principal. Nehilot DiPiazza, RN from DSHS Kerrville, is no longer with the Health Dept, so members agreed to remove her name from the list. Allison Page, IMS Counselor, was added to the list in the place of Keely Vanacker, former counselor for IMS.

They also discussed Sean Carter and his mother Jenny, who travel across the country sharing their story of the choices and consequences of drunk driving. ITM has hosted Sean and Jenny twice and would like to do so again, possibly in the Spring Semester.

Upcoming Events (highlights)-

10-16-24: Ingram ISD will be hosting the FBI as they speak with our students and their families entitled Think About the Consequences. This is an important opportunity for students to learn about the importance of not making hoax threats, or threats of violence, against our schools. Pizza will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, and the presentation will begin at 6:00 pm. Those who plan to attend the dinner are asked to RSVP by October 11th.

10-16-24: Fields of Faith at 7:00 pm at the football stadium following the FBI presentation

10-17-24: Warrior Band Fall Concert at 5:30 pm

10-18-24: IMS PTO Fall Dance from 6:00-8:00 pm (secondary cafeteria)

10-21-24 to 10.25-24: Red Ribbon Week, Homecoming Week

11-1-24: student holiday, staff development

11-22-24: Elementary School Walkathon at the ITM track

11-25-24 through 11-29-24: Thanksgiving break

There was no further new business to discuss at this time, and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 4:00 pm in the cafeteria on the secondary campus.

Respectfully submitted by-

Catherine Kern, Secretary