

## **SHAC Minutes for December 2, 2025**

Members of the SHAC met on December 2, 2025 at 4:15 pm in the cafeteria on the secondary campus. Those present were Hayden Dittmar, Amber Chavira, Regena Shirley, Jenny Carpenter, Emily Morales, Samantha Bentley, Andrea Salazar, Michelle Morgan, Tammy Amerson-Wilson, Lee Pool, Kayla Casey, Annie Jones, Tamie Arnold, Amy Barnes and Catherine Kern. The minutes from the October 7th meeting were emailed to all members prior to the meeting for additions and corrections. Lee Pool made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Kayla Casey seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

### **Counselor News-**

**IES:** Annie Jones, IES Counselor, reported that student enrollment has increased and that there are currently between 670-675 students on campus. Annie is currently working on guidance lessons for students, and they are as follows: KG-1st: tattling, 2nd-3rd: Emotional Regulation and 4th-5th: Bullying. Benchmark testing will begin on December 8 (2nd grade reading), Math on December 9 and 11, and Science on December 16. Beginning in January when students return to school, the Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will be presenting a 10 week program, with topics such as healthy habits and positive thinking. Andrea Salazar and Samantha Bentley, both from HCCADA, were present at the meeting, and spoke with the SHAC about the various programs they have, and the work they will be doing with our Elementary students.

**IMS:** Kayla Casey, IMS Principal, reported on behalf of Allison Page, that guidance lessons are continuing for 6th and 7th grade students, and that all students are participating in the weekly 212 Warrior Way lessons. The Hill Country Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will be meeting with administration in anticipation of bringing a similar, age appropriate program to the Middle School students like they will be doing with Elementary students. Students are also preparing for testing at the end of the 3rd 6 weeks.

**ITM:** Tamie Arnold, SEL HS Counselor, reported on the families who were assisted with Thanksgiving meals by the district and community. In total, there were 32 families that received meals, which included a turkey and all the sides and desserts. Ms Arnold has also been coordinating with community members to sponsor children for Christmas, as well as families to receive Christmas meals. At this time, there are 99 children who will be receiving gifts this holiday season.

### **Nurse News-**

**IES:** Amber Chavira, IES Nurse, reported that all state mandated screenings (vision, hearing, Acanthosis Nigricans, and spinal) have been completed for the year. New to district students will continue to be screened per the guidelines as they are enrolled. Amber will be retiring this month and Regena Shirley has been hired as the new Elementary School nurse. Regena was present at the meeting and we are glad to welcome her to the Brave/Warrior family, as well as to the SHAC. We will miss Amber and thank her for her many years of dedicated service to our students, their families, and the IES staff.

**IMS/ITM:** Catherine Kern, Secondary Nurse, also reported that all mandated screenings have been completed per state requirements. Fentanyl training for students in grades 6-12 was done in October, as required. Students watched a video that discussed the dangers of Fentanyl use, and asked to reach out to their school counselor or the nurse with any questions. The Annual Report of Immunization Status was submitted to the state on November 4, 2025. The remaining reports (vision, hearing, Acanthosis Nigricans, and spinal) will be submitted at the end of the school year. Worth the Wait for 7th grade students has been scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026 and Thursday, February 12, 2026. Worth the Wait is an abstinence based program that educates students on making safe and healthy choices and covers topics such as character, teen pregnancy, contraception, sex and the law, risky behaviors, relationship goals, and more. Letters will be sent to parents prior to the presentation, and they will be required to opt in for their student by signing the permission slip and returning it to school. The curriculum will be posted on the school website for parents to view prior to the program as well. Standing medical orders for the district will be changed for the 2026-2027 school year to include allowing Epinephrine to be administered in a nasal spray form as well as an auto injector, in the event of an anaphylactic emergency, by a staff member who has been trained to do so. This was also approved by the School Board at the last meeting and the change will be reflected in the Wellness and Health Services-Medical Treatment in Section F-Students.

**Gym News-**Michelle Fairchild reported via email that the annual Walkathon was held just before the Thanksgiving break, and even though it had to be shortened because of the rain, they were still able to complete over 4,700 laps. Following the Walkathon, the

Turkey Bowl, a student and staff favorite, was held in the gym. First Grade teachers won the event this year, defeating the Office Staff, who had been the reigning champions the last two years. Following the Turkey Bowl, a drawing was held and the five frozen turkeys were given to 5 students, along with all of the trimmings for Thanksgiving. Amy Barnes also shared with the SHAC that IES is getting pricing for installing a new track on the elementary campus in the hope of having a new track put in for students.

**Cafeteria News**-Jenny Carpenter, Food Services Director, reported that an astonishing 822 Thanksgiving meals were served to students, staff and parents at the Elementary campus on November 19, followed by 865 meals on November 20. On November 13, a total of 312 meals were served on the Secondary campus to staff and students. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food, and the district appreciates the hard work of our amazing cafeteria staff.

**New Business**-ITM Sophomore Hayden Dittmar shared her idea of improving and growing the clothing closet that is currently located in the auditorium. Hayden has been working with Allison Page, IMS Counselor, and presented several ideas to the SHAC on how to make clothing and hygiene products available to students in need through donations, fundraisers, and other means. The ultimate goal would be to have the closet be run by student and staff volunteers, have a sign up for families, and also have an educational video on a variety of health related topics that the families would be able to view when they come to select clothing. Hayden will be sharing a presentation with the SHAC with more information on her idea and plan for this project.

Michelle Morgan, Community Health Specialist with the local Health Department, reminded the SHAC of multiple resources available to our students and their families, including receiving vaccines free of charge. The Kerrville Health Department currently holds its shot clinic on Wednesdays, and families are also able to go to the Bandera and Boerne clinics to receive vaccines as needed.

Emily Morales, Community Health Worker with Methodist Healthcare Ministries, and Tammy Amerson-Wilson, Wesley Nurse, reminded members that they also have many different resources available to families, both related to flood relief, as well as those with needs unrelated to the July 4th flood in Kerr County. In addition to assistance with clothing and food, they are able to provide families with resources for insurance, money

for bills and much more. There are also several events throughout the holiday season to assist families in need.

School will be released early for all campuses on Thursday, December 18th, and there will be early release on the Secondary campus on Tuesday, December 16th and Wednesday, December 17th. Students will be on Christmas break from December 19th through January 6th and will return to school on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Staff will return on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 to prepare for the Spring Semester. There was no new business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:05 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 in the cafeteria on the secondary campus.

Respectfully submitted by:

Catherine Kern, Secretary