

## **SHAC Minutes for October 3, 2023**

Members of the SHAC met on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the cafeteria on the secondary campus. Those present were Michelle Fairchild, Amber Chavira, Norma Cardona-Price, Nehilot DiPiazza, Lydia Nichols, Amy Rector, Selena Sheets, Kayla Casey, Keely Vanacker, and Catherine Kern. The minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting had been emailed to members prior to the end of the school year. Selena Sheets made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Lydia Nichols seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

### **Counselor News-**

**IES:** Per Annie Jones, IES Counselor-guidance lessons have begun for students; Kindergarten and 1st graders are learning how to play safely, 2nd and 3rd graders are working on identifying feelings and 4th and 5th graders are talking about inferring emotions and feelings. At this time, there have been 6 students referred to TCHAT, and 2 are currently receiving school-based teletherapy. Science Alive will be held at IES on Friday, October 13, and local businesses will be on hand with exhibits related to all things science.

**IMS:** Keely Vanacker reported that students are participating in guidance lessons, and some of the topics include calming strategies and identifying feelings and emotions. There have been several TCHAT referrals but at this time, no students have started to receive services.

**ITM:** per Lisa Arledge, students attended a Career Speaker Series on September 14 that highlighted career opportunities post high school. There were numerous businesses and community organizations on hand to speak with the students and share information. TSI testing for ITM students will begin in October.

### **Nurse News-**

**IES:** Amber Chavira, IES nurse, reported that she has started the annual vision and hearing screenings for students. The screenings are mandated by the state, and must be completed within the first 120 days of school. There has been one flu case reported on the IES campus to date. Covid testing for students is no longer available in the clinics, and very few Covid cases have been reported on the Elementary campus.

**IMS/ITM:** per Catherine Kern, IMS/ITM nurse, vision and hearing screenings have also begun; no flu cases have been reported at this time, and the number of positive cases of Covid has remained low.

### **Gym News:**

Michelle Fairchild reported that the annual Walk A Thon that has been scheduled for October will be moved to November, with more information to come.

### **Cafeteria News:**

Per Jenny Carpenter, there was no news to report at this time

### **New Business:**

Nehilot DiPiazza, RN, Public Health Nurse and Norma Cardona-Price, Community Health Specialist, both from the local health department, were present at the meeting. They informed the committee about upcoming flu shot clinics that will be held on Thursdays for qualifying adults and children. At this time, the Health Department is conducting shot clinics every Wednesday for students who need to have their required immunizations for school. They discussed several ways to help streamline the process and have students up to date more quickly, rather than having to wait until after school has begun. The Health Department will be working with area schools to determine the best way to implement any new strategies, and will be meeting with the Immunization department from Austin to put them into place.

Amy Rector, from the Community Foundation, discussed the Student Benefit fund, which is available to assist students in need. A form can be completed by the campus nurse or counselor, submitted to the Foundation, and the funds will then be sent to the school so that the need can be met. The Foundation also has funding available for campus clinics, to assist with supplies as needed.

The SHAC has been planning a Health Fair for October 20, 2023. It will be held in front of the stadium and will feature local businesses and organizations with an emphasis on health and wellness. There will be activities, booths, and a raffle, with prizes donated. The Health Fair will be advertised around the community with flyers, as well as on local radio stations and on each campus.

With no further new business to discuss, Amber Chavira made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Michelle Fairchild seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 4:00 pm in the cafeteria on the secondary campus.

Respectfully submitted by:

Catherine Kern, Secretary

