

MERKEL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Joseph O'Malley, Superintendent

Minutes for the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Meeting on 2-16-22

The Merkel ISD Student Health Advisory Council met on February 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Merkel ISD Administration Conference Room.

The following members were present were:

Joseph O'Malley, Superintendent
Kelli Pedone, MHS, BSN, RN - District RN and SHAC Coordinator/Co-Chair
K'rin Young, MMS Principal
Brin Reed, MISD Food Service Director
Rachelle Rister, RN MMS
Nicki Salas, LVN MES
Carol Dunn, MES Health Aide
Mandy Schuman, CPS, RSPS, Abilene Recovery Council CCP Coalition Coordinator
Coach William Kates, MISD Athletic Director

Three parents in attendance.

Joseph O'Malley called the open meeting to order at 6:00pm and welcomed Hector Morales, National Sales Director from Goodheart-Willcox.

Mr. Morales presented to the SHAC regarding the Goodheart-Willcox curriculum specifically related to middle school health and sexual education. He discussed that, based upon new legislation in HB 1525 and SB 9, there is an opt-in requirement by parents prior to students participating in the sexual education curriculum. Students that don't participate in sexual education curriculum are given alternate assignments.

According to Mr. Morales, the Goodheart-Willcox curriculum meets 100% of the new Health TEKS.

Mr. Morales said that we can set up a public login for parents to review the student curriculum, but keep the tests, quizzes and test banks private for integrity purposes. This will be set up and sent out to parents.

At 7:00pm. Mr. O'Malley opened up the meeting to public comment.

Public comment closed at 7:30pm.

Kelli Pedone, RN updated the SHAC on staff wellness. The Biggest Loser Contest is currently in progress with 24 members currently, and ends April 29th. Fitness classes for staff are currently in progress and will run until the end of the school year. The classes will continue next year based upon participation.

Kelli Pedone, RN presented to the SHAC the opportunity to have HEB Pharmacy come to the district and provide immunizations to students. This would require the parent signing up in advance and bringing their child to campus on a designated day to get immunizations that are needed for school, such as Pre-K, Kindergarten, 6th graders and high school students needing the meningitis vaccine prior to college. SHAC members and parents in attendance were in favor of this opportunity for the students.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.