

SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom Meeting

Welcome/Introductions

Dr. Mechelle Epps, Executive Director for Student Support Services, welcomed the Zoom meeting members in attendance. Participants were Dr. Epps, Ms. Teresa Rainer, BSN, RN, District Lead Nurse, Ms. Maria Juarez, current SHAC President and Ms. Leila Webb, council secretary.

New Business Updates

Dr. Epps gave updates for the current status of district schools. Although school may be closed, the district continues to accommodate any students in need. Of concern is any compromised students. This is mainly via breakfast and lunch programs via the various campuses. Regular screening of staff and nutrition workers remains a priority. The screening process includes temperature taking, daily check forms asking if the employee is showing any COVID-19 symptoms, they are asked if they've recently traveled, possibly been exposed to anyone who may have been ill, have a cough or fever. If so, they will be advised of how many days they should be in exclusion to the rest of any staff population. Summer school and night school will be held virtually in June 2020. ESY classes are scheduled for June and July 2020. Virtual graduations are being planned also.

Meeting Highlights

The Campus Wellness Plan continues to remain in review. The plan information was sent to all campus nurses for review. A return for recommendations was requested with a deadline of May 22, 2020. These may include what works and what may not work for each of the individual campuses. A tentative June 2020 Zoom meeting will be set up to discuss the review with campus nurses.

The fall school semester is tentatively scheduled to being August 17, 2020. Many logistics are still being ironed out as how the "new normal" school day will occur. This may include daily and regular temperature taking of all persons on campus, masks and quantity of students per class. With approximately 26,000 district students there is much to consider. Ms. Rainer mentioned how schools in China now handle an average school day. There is social distancing, limited quantity of students per class, all activities, including lunch, being held in one room; scheduling rest room breaks and much sanitizing. Dr. Epps mentioned many area Superintendents are meeting to confer on new school procedures. Regarding GPISD, a new district Superintendent should be appointed at the next school board meeting. Ms. Leila Webb read the February 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Rainer made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Ms. Juarez seconded, the motion passed and the minutes were accepted. The 2021 S.H.A.C. dates are to be determined. Usually the meetings are held in October, December, February and April. Ms. Juarez suggested doing the meetings via Zoom. Dr. Epps will follow up on dates and topics.

Adjournment

Dr. Epps offered thanks to the participants in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.