

# Meeting Minutes for Goose Creek CISD School Health Advisory Council

# I. MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Facilitator: Amanda Kennington, SHAC Chair

SHAC Co-Chair: Sain-R Edwards Jr., Parent Co-Chair (2021-2022)

SHAC Secretary: Michelle Nelson (2021-2022)

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

**Location:** Virtual Meeting via WebEx **Type:** Special Meeting - Open to Public

#### II. ATTENDEES.

## Quorum not met. 19/50 appointed members in attendance:

- Amanda Kennington
- Lee Martinez
- Vanessa Kyle
- Eric Teguia
- Shelah Selman
- Diane Slack
- Steven Bingham
- Sam Chapa
- Kim Kosteck
- Jonathan Abston
- Trent Manuel
- Mirtha Morales
- Stephanie Myers
- Sandra Encinas
- Kevin Wrobleski
- Patricia Pena
- Thresa Caldwell
- Jinelle Williams
- Kaci Pena

District Representative: Jose Saenz (Guest) District Leader Liaison: Dr. Matt Bolinger

#### III. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by SHAC Chair - Mrs. Kennington - 9:30 AM

The Executive Committee approved the meeting agenda prior to distribution to the SHAC members. Communication to SHAC members sent via email and notice was shared with the community via GCCISD SHAC Website and posted in the central office of every campus.

# IV. COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS

In an effort to increase transparency, meeting agendas and audio of all special open and general SHAC meetings are provided on the <u>GCCISD SHAC website</u>. Public questions, comments, or concerns may be emailed to <u>SHAC@gccisd.net</u>. The email shall be shared with the Executive Committee of the SHAC.

## V. PRESENTATIONS/ACTION ITEMS:

# **Choosing the Best**

Mr. Cliff Baskerville, CEO of Choosing the Best, provided information regarding middle school and high school human sexuality **curriculum material** for the SHAC members' consideration. The presenter shared that Choosing the Best is the national leader in abstinence-centered sex education and peer-reviewed, published studies show Choosing the Best significantly reduces teen sex. Results of students receiving eight lessons of Choosing the Best has shown an increase in student's affirmation of delaying sex. Choosing the Best meets Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) requirements. The presentation included nine learning areas covered in a five-year scope and sequence program. The presenter provided a preview of student manuals, featured video clips, examples of lesson exercises, role play, and group discussions. The presenter shared that Choosing the Best also offers parent education, and teacher training. Presenter provided answers to questions from attendees.

 \*Clarification was provided by SHAC Facilitator - Choosing the Best curriculum is designed to be delivered by a teacher in a series of lessons.

#### **Just Say Yes**

Ms. Judi Kinney, Program Development Manager of Just Say Yes, and Krystal Walker, Director of Wellness Education of Just Say Yes, provided information explaining **programs** available. The presenter shared that each program covers a variety of topics such as pregnancy, STDs, sexting, legal consequences, peer pressures, and media. Content varies by grade level for relevance: 6th grade, 7th-8th grade, 9th-12th grade. Presenter provided information about a 5th grade student **program** titled "Next Up" which covers puberty and adolescent development topics.

- Clarification was provided by SHAC Facilitator Just Say Yes programs are designed to be delivered by Just Say Yes consultants in an assembly where school administrator and counselor are present.
- Clarification was provided by Just Say Yes Programs are designed so that middle school students are offered three different programs for each grade level, 6th - Aim for Success; 7th -Freedom to Succeed: 8th - Determined to Succeed.

#### **Additional Health Education Updates**

Mr. Lee Martinez, GCCISD Athletic Director, shared the recommendation to include a 5th grade lesson written by district staff and aligned with 5th grade TEKS and local policy. The lesson includes a free educational resource titled *Always Changing and Growing Up* which is based on national research and consultation with school nurses, health educators, parents and medical professionals. The presenter shared that the material has been a trusted resource for over 35 years and has been taught to millions of students worldwide. The lesson includes a video presentation to springboard the lesson on puberty and changes that children go through as they enter into puberty. The video discussion is designed to give students a base of knowledge about the puberty experience. Students will also learn about healthy relationships such as talking with a trusted adult about feelings and making healthy choices such as eating well, being active, and sleeping well.

#### Points discussed:

• The District is requesting both the community and SHAC members provide feedback on the curriculum materials that were presented today. Instructions to submit your review can be found by visiting the SHAC website and accessing the 5th grade and 6th-8th grade curriculum tabs. We ask that you submit your review on the form by September 25, 2022.

- Clarification was provided by SHAC Facilitator The recommendations to be considered by the SHAC are not selective of one another meaning members are not being asked to choose one curriculum or program over another, but rather to have options to select from when planning the best fit for implementation and is reflective of community values.
- **Final Note** House Bill 1525 passed legislation requiring that before a student is provided with human sexuality instruction, a school district must obtain **written consent** from the student's parent/guardian. SHAC supported human sexuality curriculum must be presented to the Board of Trustees for recommended adoption at a public meeting by December 2022.

# **Action agreed:**

The District will report the results of the Community Feedback Survey and members will have the opportunity to consider any further discussion as an agenda topic for the next SHAC General meeting to be held in-person on September 27, 2022 from 5-6pm at the GCCISD Administration Building.

#### VI. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by SHAC Chair - Mrs. Kennington - 11:22am