

TATUM ISD
STUDENT HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of 10-25-23

The meeting was called to order and members were welcomed both via ZOOM and in person. In attendance was Cristi Whiddon, Jo Miller, DeBrandia Bradford, Christy Berry, Adela Tovar, Fannie Moore, Wendy Longenbaugh, La Keitha Biggs, Vanessa Thompson, Candy Garza and students Kara McKee, Omar Ocha, Isabella McAlister and Olivia Nay. Joining the meeting per ZOOM was Tammy Jones, Jayme Rogers, Bridgett Harvey, Lisa Guthier, Patricia Nelson and Amber Blalock.

The Middle School Student Council representative gave an overview of the many projects they have been working on this year. Breast cancer awareness was celebrated by dress up days and fundraising and the wearing of lots of pink! Kara McKee gave an historical presentation on the reason Red Ribbon Week was first celebrated. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, smoking, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. It began as a tribute to fallen DEA special agent Enrique Camarena in 1985.

Future events will include canned food drives for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Olivia Nay from the High School Student Council, talked about their fundraising efforts for Breast Cancer Month and raised over \$1000 dollars through their T shirt sales. Our Sports teams were also involved in contributing to the awareness campaign. The High School too is planning on promoting food drives for those needing assistance in our community.

Our SHAC team voted on Fannie Moore and Christy Berry to serve as our parent co chairs on our Council. Our next meeting will be on November 29, 2023. Our committee for Physical Education will be our campus PE teachers/coaches and Vanessa Thompson, DeBrandia Bradford, Joanne Cooper, Christy Berry and Fannie Moore.

This year we have a new Food Services Director, Vanessa Thompson, at Tatum ISD. She discussed adding new food items to the menu and monitoring student responses. The menu will start cycling in January so students will be able to anticipate when an item will reappear on the menu.

Participation in the nutrition program is monitored and the numbers are increasing. A push to get applications for food services is in place. Increased funding to the school is tied to the numbers of applications received by the snapshot date of 10-27-2023.

Schools are required to have a Wellness Policy and a Wellness Plan. The Wellness Plan can have changes made based on SHAC assessments. The TriAnnual Assessment addresses

concerns about our Policy and Plans. Our committee will meet in the next two weeks to evaluate our progress and make suggestions for future courses of action.

DeBranda Bradford gave updates from the counseling center. Information on the new vape laws was discussed. The beginning of the school year saw a higher incidence of the consequences of this law with more DAEP placements. Students now are more aware of this law.

Tammy Jones was introduced to the SHAC. She is a counselor with Community Healthcore and is housed on the Tatum ISD campus to assess and work with mental health concerns. She is currently working with students and is receiving referrals from teachers and administrators.

School Health services is working on annual screenings. Vision screenings are being done and scoliosis with our girls have been completed. Boys scoliosis screening has been scheduled.

The Middle School cell phone policy was discussed. Cell phones are not allowed for use by students during the day except at lunch. Mrs. Miller confirmed that cell phone issues with discipline had declined since the policy had been enacted and staff confirmed that attentions in class were less interrupted without the cell phone.

The SHAC was informed that Cardiac Science is now beginning to accept orders for AEDs . They have not been able to accept orders since January as they had no merchandise available. A refurbished AED was purchased for the Administration Building.

The minutes were read and approved. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.