

School Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2016

The meeting started at 11:30 with the following members in attendance: Donna Hopson RN, Michael Tull, Paula Reeves, Dr. Hamil, Barbara Myers and Emma Solis.

The minutes were reviewed from the previous meeting held on May 11, 2016. There were no additions or corrections. The meeting started with re-electing Paula Reeves as Co-Chairman for the committee. A presentation was done by Nurse Hopson about head lice. Nurse Hopson asked the council members to help devise a plan for partnering and communicating with the community and parents to help create awareness with identifying and treating head lice. Nurse Hopson stated the goal is to get parents to be proactive in screening and treating their children for head lice at home and hopefully decrease the amount of school absences related to head lice. Nurse Hopson addressed the concerns related to head lice i.e. absenteeism, lack of funds for proper treatment, improper treatments, battling the myths related to head lice and it's treatment etc. A powerpoint was shown which covered background information including statistics related to occurrence, excessive absenteeism related to head lice, costs for treatment, proper treatment methods, concerns and trends related to exclusion, facts vs myths and much more. Handouts were distributed to members that included Quinlan ISD's policy pertaining to treatment/exclusion, facts and myths sheet, and "Managing Head Lice in the School Setting" from Dept. of State Health Services. Nurse Hopson also shared information concerning other metroplex school district's policy related to excluding children for head lice. Information was shared about particular situations where absences can be as much as weeks at a time because of head lice. In rare instances, some parents have withdrawn their children from school because of head lice. Question and answer session followed the presentation.

Several suggestions were made by council members including and not limited to creating a treatment center within the district so children would not have to miss school. Nurse Hopson commented on the pro's and con's of this idea i.e. costs, staffing, the need to still clean the bedding, clothing, hair brushes at home etc. Another suggestion was to add a health portion to the Life page on the school's web page asking parents to be proactive and check their children often, treat at home if it's identified and communicate with the school nurses. December 2 will be Bingo night at A.E. Butler Intermediate. A suggestion was made to have handouts available at a table. Other ideas were to speak with Tiffony Upchurch about including this information in the all district newsletter, have a table with volunteers handing out information at the "Back to School Fair", and placing information in the enrollment packets. Nurse Hopson stated one effective communication method in the past was when the district hosted a "Kindergarten Round up" for parents of future Kindergartners. The Round Up included break out sessions where various topics were covered and the health portion included head lice information. Nurse Hopson stated she would meet with Ms. House and discuss this option for the future. Mr. Tull suggested getting with Brandi Hill, ACE Family Engagement Specialist, who meets periodically with parents/grandparents and have the nurse speak at one of their events.

A member asked questions concerning bullying/confidentiality and the process students go through to report bullying. Mr. Tull addressed the member's questions and stated all ROAR forms are confidential. He discussed the process administrators go through to address these issues. Mr. Tull also states he does ROAR presentations for Pre-k through 2nd grade. ROAR information is listed under the Life section on Quinlan ISD's web page.

The next SHAC meeting will be held December 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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