MEETING MINUTES

2024-2025

DATE:	TIME:	FACILITATORS:
2/20/25	5:33pm – 5:58pm	Angie Smalley & Sarah Swan

ATTENDEES:

- Angelica Smalley
- Sarah Swan
- Starla Edgett
- T.H. Sala Dmolt
- Bonnie Cox
- Jennifer Burrows
- C. Farmer
- Karen Manuel
- Twyla Molsbee
- Christa Call
- Patricia Puente

MINUTES:

- Call to order and introductions.
- Next board meeting where SHAC will speak is Monday, April 21st.
- Next SHAC meeting is Thursday, March 27th.
- We will be voting next meeting on the GISD Wellness Policy & Abigail's Arms anti-bullying curriculum. The Wellness Policy is out-of-date currently, last done in 2017. It should be done every 3 years. We will be completing a Triennial Assessment next time as a team.
- All snacks provided from the schools must be a "Smart Snack" option.
- Water must always be offered to students when water fountains are not available. Cafeterias all already do this.
- All nutrition provided by Chartwells is always peanut-free.
  - However, there will also a new peanut-free table available in each cafeteria. Outside food also must be eaten at special tables, at least in lower schools.

- Addendum to be made for a DoorDash policy about allergens and outside food to be added to Wellness Policy.

- Rules restricting DoorDash deliveries were previously turned down last school year by the Board.
- Abigail's Arms anti-bullying program covers topics like:
  -Family violence
  -Dating
  -Abuse
  -Anti-bullying
- Their curriculum covers 5th, 7th, 9th, and 12th grades currently. While they would love to provide even more support, there are staff and funding limitations. There are currently only three full-time staff members with Abigail's Arms, overseen by Jennifer Burrows (in attendance).
- Ms. Burrows is always seeking funding, grants, and community support. We can help as an organization to help promote the important work they do in the community.
- Current AA program covers 1 meeting a week with students, for 5 weeks at a time.
- Permission slips can only be sent up to 4 weeks in advance. It cannot be included as part of the initial registration packet for students.
- However, permission slips can be paper mailed, emailed, sent home. Different ideas for getting slips to parents were discussed, and parents agree that paper slips are the least effective form of communication for them. We would all prefer for slips to be provided digitally, as well as included in the district and school newsletters. Email or School Status messages are also a good option.
- Abigail's Arms will focus next year on anti-bullying and integrity initiatives, especially following the passing of a bullied student at GISD.
- LOST Program begins next week. It is a buddy/antibully program that will run at the Intermediate and likely the older grades as well.
- Next week is LOST's "Got Your Back" rally.
- Wednesday, 3/5/25 at Wolf Den, Mark Calabrese will be meeting with community members to discuss "Hope Against Hate".
- LOST will begin coordinating work with school counselors. So far, peers have nominated other peers for the buddy program.
- "Communities in Schools" was discussed. It currently runs through Chalmers, Intermediate, and Middle School. Parents feel the program is insufficient, with a heavily religious (which can be offensive to some) undertone. Parents would like to see a different program, or at least extensive changes to the current one. They questions both quality and efficacy.
- Abigail's Arms will host a fundraiser in May. Ms. Burrows will email flyer to Starla for Dr. Stewart's approval so we can help digitally spread the word. The best thing we can do as a community is help promote Abigail's Arms in their fundraising efforts.
- Abigail's Arms also helps with HOPE Squad & the LOST program.
- All nearby counties have a successful HOPE Squad.

- Next meeting, we need at least 12 in attendance to pass our votes on sex ed/abstinence curriculum, Abigail's Arms curriculum, and the updated GISD Wellness Policy. Chairperson Angie will invite PE teachers, district counselors, and all nurses to help round out vote.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 @ 5:30PM