

School Health Advisory Committee
September 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m.

In attendance were: Monette Bright, Noah Earley, Pam Pailes, Laureen Pedrotti, Joseph Reyes, Deborah Avery, Molly Nichols, Maricela Rodriguez, Natalie Barganski, Jacque Bonds, Rachelle Cintron, Stephanie Womack, Nikol Youngberg, Irene Reyes, Bill Robinson, Abby Updegraff, Leslie Espinosa, Karleen Pape, Amy Seeds, Edgar Van Geem, Gina Valdez, Jeri Fletcher, Linda Barganski, Cheryl Cannon, Mary Pawelek, Katelijne Acker, Bryant Gray & Sandra Martinez

Welcome was given by Cheryl Cannon.

Introductions were made by committee members.

Cheryl Cannon presented a PowerPoint on “What is SHAC.”

Motion was made by Katelijne Acker and seconded by Molly Nichols to approve last meetings’ minutes. Motion passed.

Presentations were given as follows:

1. A presentation was given by Karen Palombo from the Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse/Project Link. The program she oversees concerns students who are pregnant or are parents. This program is funded by the Department of State Services and is at risk specific. They use the March of Dimes Curriculum that teaches teen Moms and Dads about prenatal health, nurturing and bonding and how to raise babies. They focus on what the teen needs at a specific moment and their goal is meeting with the student once a month during pregnancy and will follow up with home visits after the baby is born. The school district would need to provide a place for her to meet with students during or after school.
2. Gary Zacher of the YWCA/YW Teen Program made a presentation regarding a program that targets girls who are in the 5th and 6th grade. They address these girls on the topics of teen pregnancy, drugs, peer pressure and bullying and also teach them about character, image and self-worth. To qualify the girls must be on free or reduced lunch. The curriculum that is taught is called Girls Circle and is taught by five women who are trained to teach the class. They meet twice a week and can attend leadership camps in the summer. The YW Teen Program serves 1400-1500 girls in the Coastal Bend area. The school district would need to provide a place for them to meet with students before or after school.

Ballots were passed out to vote on the two presentations. Emails will be sent to the committee regarding the results.

Old Business

1. After sending more information to the campuses on Net Smartz/Online Safety Education Program and hearing from members of the campuses, Mrs. Cannon called for a vote to approve this program. Molly Nichols made a motion to approve it and Pam Pailes seconded it – the motion passed.
2. Mrs. Cannon reported that the Palmer Drug Abuse Program was approved by the committee at the last meeting.
3. Mrs. Cannon also reported that the Human Trafficking/New Life Refuge Ministries is sending us more information.

Future meetings will be held on November 16, 2015, January 25, 2016 and March 28, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.