

School Health Advisory Council

February 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Mandy Schuman at 6:04 pm.

Welcome – Mandy Schuman

Members in attendance were Dr. Brad Barham, Teresa Bentle, Olga Chavana, Bruce Crook, Chelsea Diaz, Linda Langston, Carol Sanderson, Mandy Schuman, Elizabeth Wilson, and Steven Pracht. Guests in attendance: Keri Thornburg, & Dr. Karen Munoz with AISD, and Colleen Rudd with Regional Victim Crisis Center.

Approval of minutes from November 15, 2021- Written copies of the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting were shared for review. Olga Chavana made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Linda Langston seconded the motion. Ayes-all; motion passed.

Changes in Health TEKS- Presented by Keri Thornburg- Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Dr. Karen Munoz- Executive Director of ESL & District Planning.

Documents provided:

*Draft (approved but not yet in effect) Text of Proposed New 19 TAC Chapter 115, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Health Education, Adopted 2020 (note: document includes markups, which shows changes from previous years.)

*Proclamation of 2022 Pre-Adoption Samples- Health and PE

*Promotional material from QuaverEd and Goodheart-Willcox.

Highlights:

- Health TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for grades K-12 have been updated/revised and approved by State Board of Education to go into effect the 2022-2023 school year.
- The biggest change effects Human Sexuality courses and includes a (new) requirement to teach barrier protection (e.g. contraceptives).
- Our current/existing curriculum, Wellness and Human Sexuality (formally Worth the Wait), does include the subject of barrier protection; however, the subject has always been excluded from our course/curriculum and not taught in AISD.
- New textbook options are currently in review.
- Two Committees (which include members of the SHAC) have sat through presentations at Region XIV ESC to review course/curriculum options. Once all information has been reviewed, recommendations will be made to AISD School Board.

- Current plans (instruction wise) are as follows:

Elementary: Working with elementary campuses at each grade level- Health is taught by the classroom and/or PE teacher (may depend on grade level) and each six weeks a grade is given. This will meet Health TEKS for elementary. The committee is favoring QuaverEd for elementary school Health & PE. Course will be available electronically. Referred to handouts.

Middle School & High School: Goodheart-Willcox for Middle School Health and High School PE. Currently middle school Health is an elective, which means not all kids take Health. Will embed TEKS into Science class and PE class so that all middle school students get this instruction. High School students will get their instruction during PE. These courses are electronic.

- Texas Legislature states that parents must opt-in for their student(s) to be taught certain components of the course including Human Sexuality.
- Because all required topics are available in the current curriculum, there is a proposal that we continue to use the current curriculum (including barrier protection) until we see how the new Health TEKS work out. There is a possibility that new curriculum options will become available and waiting will potentially allow us the option to review options that are not yet available.
- A motion was made by **** to continue with Wellness & Human Sexuality (with barrier protection included) curriculum through the 2022-2023 school year; and was seconded by Bruce Crook. Ayes-all; motion passed

Updates on Sexual Wellness – The course is being taught at Craig on Monday, Clack on Tuesday, Madison on Wednesday, and Mann on Thursday. Working to catch up from bad weather days and holidays now. Beginning lesson three this week. Teachers will try to combine lesson 5 & 6 because of the bad weather days so that we do not take any more of the science teacher’s class time. Everything is going well. Those that opted out of participating in the course or did not return opt-in form (less than 10% of students) are receiving instruction in social and emotional learning.

Big Country Human Trafficking Coalition- Colleen Rudd with Regional Victim Crises Center. Human Trafficking is happening in Abilene and in our schools. Important to learn and educate ourselves about Human Trafficking. AISD is working to implement the CSE-IT, which is a screening tool that helps identify those at risk. Familial trafficking and online solicitation has a higher incidence than kidnapping. In 2016, a study showed that an estimated 313,000 people are trafficked in Texas annually and 79,000 of those are youth/children. Yields approximately 150 million dollars annually. Both boys and girls can be victims; however, boys do not report it as much. Legal age of consent in Texas is 18. Approximately 20% of all victims come through Texas. Stats are not available for Abilene at this time. Rumors have circulated claiming Abilene has the highest rate of trafficking in the state but this is false/unproven at this time. Our community is at risk due to proximity of Interstate, other highways, airports, and air force base.

Meeting Adjourned by Mandy Schuman at 6:58 pm