



Members in Attendance

Parents:

- Dr. Bryce Speer, Chair
- Kristina Keller
- Tonia Rolle-Jones
- Dr. Rolly Chawla
- Becky Fralix
- Marina Musante
- Dr. Michelle Hanes
- Garrett Costello
- Wendy Judy
- April Kerze
- Sam Tworek
- Erin Bingham

Community/Business:

- Michele Scaife, Texas A&M Agrilife, Extension Service, Better Living for Texans

District Committee Members:

- Jessy Orlando
- Joe Daw
- Chief Matt Blakelock
- Deborah Kubicek
- William Kelly

Facilitator:

- Wade Haymark, Coordinator of Physical Education and Health

Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Blakelock started recording the Zoom Meeting and Mr. Wade Haymark called the meeting to order at 1pm, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked them for attendance.

Consider Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 11, 2022 SHAC meeting were reviewed by Mr. Haymark. Mr. Garrett Costello sought clarification regarding the "Selection of Parent Co-Chair" to identify the other co-chair because the committee had only voted on one person. Mr. Haymark clarified that he was appointed to the committee by the district and the committee voted for Dr. Bryce Speer to serve as the SHAC

Parent Co-Chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Costello objected to the minutes and requested they be amended to show clarity on this matter.

Ms. Kristina Keller requested to revisit the co-chairs because according to the *Student Health Advisory Council: A Guide for Texas School Districts, Officers (p10)* the guide states "In Texas, the chair and/or co-chair must be a parent of a student enrolled in the school district and cannot be an employee of the school district (TEC § 28.004)." Dr. Hedith Upshaw suggested it be noted and discussed within the membership subcommittee. She requested additional guidance from Dr. Shellie Winkler, who also encouraged use and review of the above resource issued by Texas Department of State Health Services. Additional conversation occurred by the committee members to clarify whether the committee was required to have two co-chairs as well as discussion regarding the state's rules for SHAC chair.

Dr. Upshaw suggested a facilitator role be added, for Mr. Haymark to assist the chair through the process, to serve as the liaison between the District and the SHAC. Many members agreed with her suggestion.

Dr. Speer requested to add conversation between members during the Update on Health 1 Human Sexuality Instruction to include that if a student asks his or her teacher, "At what point does life begin," per the district, the teacher is expected to respond, "Ask your parents." Additionally, she requested the minutes to note that parents expressed concern the presentation did not reflect abstinence as the primary focus.

Samantha Tworek and Mr. Haymark agreed to amend the minutes. Motion made, seconded, and passed. 11-for, 0-against. Minutes were approved with changes.

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Consider Updates and Approval of Parent Consent Opt-In Procedure and Forms

Dr. Speer explained to the committee that a Consent subcommittee met on October 24, 2022 in the conference room at the Jett Center to make updates and changes to the Parent Consent Opt-In forms.

Mr. Haymark shared his screen to present the Parent Consent Regarding Human Growth and Development Instruction for 5th and 6th grades. Dr. Speer presented the changes to the committee. Mr. William Kelly, Headmaster at the Academy, expressed concern with the new wording stating, "no additional instruction on these topics will be provided." He noted that is not 100% accurate and could be confusing to the educators because some of the content is cross-referenced in other lessons throughout the course. The committee agreed to revise the statement to read "no additional instruction will be provided on the parent opt-in topics referenced on this form." Mr. Haymark shared all Parent Consent Opt-In forms, Dr. Speer reviewed the changes for all Parent Consent Opt-In forms, and the committee agreed all Parent Consent Opt-In forms were to be revised to read "no additional instruction will be provided on the parent opt-in topics referenced on this form." The forms were revised during the meeting by Mr. Haymark.

On the Parent Consent Regarding Human Sexuality Instruction and Instruction Related to the Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking Form, the committee agreed to underline the words "**will not**" under the Parent Consent Section to make parents aware that their child will not receive this instruction if they do not "opt-in."

Dr. Hedith Upshaw mentioned that even though the committee won't be voting on these forms, it is in good faith to share the changes and updates to the forms with the entire committee.

Call for Input Regarding the Sharing of Member Email Addresses

Dr. Speer explained the Texas DSHS guide to School Health Advisory Councils, previously mentioned in the meeting, recommends starting an email directory for SHAC members and this may be helpful for communication and unifying the group. She shared no emails will be shared outside the group. She asked for the group to share opinions and ideas about this topic intended to help facilitate member participation and engagement. The idea was affirmed by several members of the group. Dr. Speer will put together an email for members to opt-in to adding their email to the directory.

Examine Curriculum Review Procedures

Dr. Speer explained this item is on the agenda because there has been concern of non-compliance with the Health 1 Human Sexuality Power Point Presentation. She referenced parental concerns brought forth in the 11 October 2022 SHAC Meeting regarding the presentation lacking the emphasis of abstinence as directed in TEC § 28.004. Additionally, she mentioned the need to revisit SHAC processes to review curriculum to ensure we are following the procedural rules in TEC § 28.004. She welcomed feedback from the committee.

Mr. Joe Daw asked if there any suggestions that may add the extra weight on abstinence within the presentation. Dr. Speer affirmed there is a slide directly from the Goodheart Wilcox text that shows the benefits of abstinence. She also suggested to update the slides, so the graphics are the same as the images in the currently approved text which demonstrate more consistent anatomical accuracy. Dr. Hanes agreed. Mr. Daw asked for clarification on the process of adding a slide given the SHAC had previously approved the presentation at the 11 October 2022 meeting and agreed that it would be positive to add the extra layer on abstinence within

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the presentation. He also noted the time sensitive nature of making changes to the presentation given his campus is nearing the time of teaching the unit.

Mr. Haymark pointed out the slide referred by Dr. Speer is not included in the companion piece which is used to teach this unit, but it is included in the Goodheart Wilcox text. He suggested we revisit the academic language and use a subcommittee to review these items. Mr. Daw volunteered some of the teachers from Knox Junior High to be part of a committee to revisit Conroe ISD's approved slides and add the extra layer for abstinence during the lesson. Ms. Musante reiterated the need to support families who may not have the resources to educate their students on these topics and have these efforts be collaborative with teachers because this is a difficult topic to teach.

Mr. Haymark reminded the committee that Goodheart Wilcox has released a text book, but Conroe ISD purchased an additional companion piece for students and teachers. Teachers will teach the content on the slides only.

Dr. Upshaw asked for clarity to make sure the slide in question is in the Goodheart-Wilcox companion piece and is exactly what CISD adopted.

Call for Subcommittees

Dr. Speer shared with the committee that our current bylaws state the CISD SHAC has both Membership and Physical Activity/Fitness subcommittees. She proposed to resume the two subcommittees for the SHAC, restart the Bylaw subcommittee, and begin a Compliance subcommittee to maintain transparency and accountability with the community. She asked for suggestions for any other committees the members feel would be well-suited to the SHAC. Mrs. Musante suggested to also have a Staff Wellness Committee, in the future, to address the pressures our students and staff are under daily. She suggested Mr. Haymark funnel the effort. Mr. Haymark confirmed Conroe ISD

does have a Health Fair for employees, as well as a blood drive, and a health fitness competition in the Spring semester for all employees.

Dr. Speer agreed to send a summary email to all the members of the SHAC to allow for everyone to decide if they are interested and express their willingness to join.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Mr. Costello
- Second: Mrs. April Kerze

Dr. Speer adjourned the meeting at 2:19pm.