



SHAC Meeting Minutes

The October 20, 2021 SHAC meeting began at 11:30 in the MISD Administration Building Board Room. MISD Food Services served a lunch of pasta, grilled chicken salad, and fresh fruit. Some SHAC members who were not able to attend in person, were able to join the meeting by Zoom.

1. Dan Marlin with Midway High School shared with SHAC information about the weekly Hunger Free bags that are packed by the HS PALS class. Each week, approximately 250 bags of food are sent home with students throughout the district. The PALS class packs the bags each week and delivers them to all campuses in Midway ISD. Each campus in MISD hosts events to help raise funds to purchase the food for the weekly food bags.
2. Each SHAC member took time to introduce himself/herself and new members were welcomed.
3. Dr. Aaron Pena, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, shared with SHAC the 2022-2023 school year calendar options, discussed the differences in the two options, and requested feedback from SHAC members on their preference. Carson, our student representative, and Jess Wheeler, HS Assoc. Principal, shared feedback regarding the stress of shorter grading periods on students. Jerry Snider, parent and community representative, stated that a shorter week the first week of school helps students reacclimate to school after the summer break. Rudy Frett, Director of Food Services, shared that a shorter first week of school allows the food service staff to make adjustments to services prior to the first full week.
4. Shana Wetzel, Middle School Counselor, and Hannah Ashley, Mental Health Facilitator and LCSW, shared their upcoming SEL, suicide prevention, and mental wellness activities for all Panther Pathways students. Wellness and prevention resources will also be shared with



parents. Dr. Battle is scheduled to present to the MS students in November.

5. DeeAnn Kleypas, Coordinator of Health Services/SHAC Co-Chair, shared with SHAC the drive-by COVID testing that takes place in the parking lot each morning near the football stadium. District-wide, the number of positive COVID cases has decreased.
6. Dr. Jeanie Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, provided a school safety update and asked SHAC members to discuss at their tables any school safety concerns they have. “What should the district be focused on and concerned about regarding student safety?” Dr. Johnson mentioned that the school has seen the impacts of COVID on student behavior, socialization, and mental health. Shana mentioned a walk-out at a Dallas area school and stated that prompted her to consider the logistics of student safety if that were to happen in Midway. Jess Wheeler stated that there is an increase in sexual activity and drug use at the HS. HS students report using drugs to cope with mental health issues. Jerry stated initial concerns about the construction at Woodgate, but said it has actually gone really well and not been an issue or disruption for his child. Emily Green shared with SHAC the option for students to have a nurse navigator for students with medical questions or need for medical services and support.
7. Anne-Marie Zellers, Coordinator for Student Support Services/SHAC Co-Chair discussed and shared the new legislation regarding SHAC meetings (posting meeting notices, agenda, and minutes and recording) and also discussed SHAC’s role in adopting the district’s sexual education curriculum. Anne-Marie shared the website for the current curriculum used by MISD, Living Well Aware.
https://www.livingwellaware.com/index.php?pageID=315720_2
The SHAC will continue to discuss the current curriculum at the next meeting in December.



8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2021 at 11:30 in the Administration Building Board Room.