

Beeville ISD
School Health Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2013
Minutes

The third SHAC meeting for the 2012-13 school year was held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Tammy Russell, Roslyn Molland, Ronnie Thomas, Becky Williams, and Cindy Clendennen.

Items on the agenda included a review of the November 1st meeting minutes (approved) and a discussion about the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 began with the release of federal rules on meal standards in 2012. The Act also addresses district wellness policies, with the intent of strengthening those policies and providing information to the public in key areas that affect school nutrition. Proposed federal regulation for the portion of the Act that addresses the Wellness Policy was to be released in the fall of 2012 but did not meet the deadline. Now, according to TEA, the release is expected during the fall of 2013. The Act makes it clear that districts will have to revise Wellness Policies, [FFA(LOCAL)] but it is unclear what specific revisions will be required until federal regulations are final. While waiting for final regulations, it was advised that local School Health Advisory Councils review their current Wellness Policy. The Beeville ISD SHAC reviewed the policy based upon the following suggestions by TASB:

*The development and implementation of the Wellness Policy must include representatives from parents, students, school administration, the school food authority, physical education teachers, school health professionals, and members of the public. The SHAC will play a large role in the Act. The BISD SHAC meets this requirement.

*The previous requirements for the Wellness Policy will remain but revisions will be needed. However, SHACs may review the current policy to ensure all areas are addressed. Areas include nutrition education, physical activity, and school-based activities. All areas have been addressed in the BISD Wellness Policy.

*A district employee shall be designated to monitor the implementation of the Wellness Policy and Plan. The BISD Superintendent or designee has been named to implement the policy and plan.

*More notice to parents and the community regarding the district's wellness activities is mandated by the Act. Campus and district websites may be utilized to more effectively provide information to parents and community members. Additional means of communication and areas to address will be discussed after regulations are released.

The next SHAC meeting was planned for April 4th but that is a STAAR testing day. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 28th.

Without further discussion the meeting adjourned approximately 1:00 pm.

Submitted by: Cindy Clendennen, Executive Director of Special Education