

SHAC MEETING MINUTES



Location: GPISD Education
Center, Board Room A

Date: 2/5/25, 12:00–1:00

1 Call to Order

Meeting of the School Health Advisory Council was called to order on 2/5/25 at 12:01 pm by Umeka Wright. Mrs. Wright thanked all members for attending.

2 Minutes Approval: Rosie Mendez motioned to approve the minutes from 12/4/24. Seconded by Michael Garcia. A motion was presented, properly seconded, and carried.

UPDATES

1 Health & Wellness Services: The department has screened about 8,000 students. Vision screening bus was implemented, with 4 more on the calendar. Screenings are at low to no cost to meet the needs of families. The goal is to provide 200–300 lenses at low to no cost to families. The department has been partnering with various organizations to meet the health & wellness needs of students. Almost 400 students have been vaccinated. Mrs. Baity highlighted the fact that the department has done a great job and has been prepared for many unplanned emergencies, which is a testament to the dedication of the department.

2 Counseling Services: Ms. Johnson presented on Q1 & Q2 data. 11,000 elementary students and 15,000 high school students received SEL lessons in Q1. 2000 were served in counseling services, 1600 for high school. 217 elementary and 37 groups were given in Q1. For academic advising, 702 students were seen. In Q2, 9700 elementary students and 7700 high school students received SEL lessons (increase). 109 small groups (elementary) were given and 15 small groups in high school were given. 1300 elementary students and 50 high school students benefitted from financial resources (food, clothing).

3 Call4Care: Dr. McGee introduced Call4Care, located in the Grand Family Service Center. This center is designed to be a one stop shop for families to receive a plethora of services including, but not limited to: nutritional services, clothes closet (in collaboration with Kids, Inc.), Counseling Center (which now offers telehealth services and family therapy).

4 Child Nutrition & Food Services: Director of Operations SFE presented on department updates. 5 more campuses will have new lines for the upcoming school year (Adams, Arnold, Fannin, Kennedy, Reagan). She reported that the students have been very excited about the upgrades. There are also new programs that have been implemented in the department. Principal chooses a grade or small group of students receive instruction from a chef. They also receive kitchen walkthroughs and safety education. Eat the Alphabet/Farmer's Market Students are exposed to new fruits and vegetables.

5 Playground Initiatives: Mrs. Baity provided an update on addressing propering coverings on the playgrounds. Process is still in progress.

6 Heart Health Month: Amanda Rachal presented on heart health education and gave strategies on what one can do to maintain heart health (know your numbers, be active, eat healthy, don't smoke, prioritize sleep).

7 Teen Dating Violence Awareness: Vanessa Baum of Be Project/The Family Place provided information on teen dating violence and the cycle of violence.

She provides information to school districts to provide healthy relationships, support groups, training, etc. They do lessons in the Health classes at GPHS, Dubiski, School for the Highly Gifted, and SGPHS. They also do parent classes and collaborates with GPISD's Family and Community Engagement department.

8 Senate Bill 9: Jasmine Gaines and Dr. Blanca McGee presented on Senate Bill 9 and the required permission slip for parents to opt in. 2 suggestions were made: (1) to be specific about the grade levels being presented the information, and (2) to provide resources where parents can have at-home conversations with their children at home. The suggestion was to have the resource automatically linked to the permission slip. The link to the permission slip will be provided, and the SHAC will vote on it next meeting.
https://grandprairieisd.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9QYoCeAYTRkk5HE

ACTION ITEMS

Action Items: The SHAC will vote on the Senate Bill 9 permission slip.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Next meeting date is April 2, 2025 from 12:00–1:00

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.