

Minutes for SHAC Meeting March 15, 2011

The SHAC committee met on March 15, 2011 in the boardroom at the Palacios ISD Administration Building. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm by Amy Kubecka, Co-Chair for the 2010-2011 SHAC. The meeting began with the welcome of SHAC members and visitors.

Members present were: Amy Kubecka, Lisa Harper, Diane Koop, Amber Engel, Carolyn Kubecka, Larry Williams, and Kay Lawson.

Visitors present were: Paulette Hunter, Vanessa Kunefke, Cara Herlin, Beverly Howe, Herbert Ressler, Joe Adams, and Peggy Scantlen.

Minutes from the SHAC meeting on January 11, 2011 were reviewed and the committee was updated on action taken to address the issue of sexual harassment at PISD campuses. It was reviewed that the counselors have programs at East Side, Junior High, & High School to address sexual harassment. The decision had been made at the January meeting to talk with the counselor at Central to see if she could research what other schools are doing to address the problem. School Nurse Lisa Harper updated the committee of her conversation with Veronica Kacer, the counselor at Central, following the meeting. Ms. Kacer stated the following lessons were presented at Central: a bullying lesson was presented by Ross Cunningham on Jan. 25 and a lesson on inappropriate behaviors was presented by the counselor in classes during the week of Feb. 21-25.

The following upcoming events in the school were also addressed:

- The Mobile Dentist will be coming to East Side Intermediate on May 9, 2011
- Dad's Day Out will be held on May 14, 2011. Parent liaison Kay Lawson stated the need for door prizes to be donated. Due to businesses closing they have not received as much assistance this year as previously. Ms. Lawson stated that the program will feature James Post speaking on sexting and texting and will advise parents on checking their children's electronics for inappropriate usage. Ms. Lawson also stated that BP checks will be offered at the event.

During open discussion, Beverly Howe, Public Health Nurse for Texas Department of State Health Services, presented copies of "The Baby Borrowers", "Consequences", & "What About Me" to the committee for review and possible usage in high school. "The Baby Borrowers" is a television series in which teenage couples were given children to care for over a three week period. The couples, which were monitored by nannies and the children's parents, were required to support and care for children at various ages as if they were the parents. "Consequences" is a DVD program that discusses crime & poor decisions. Ms. Howe stated that the programs are evidence based if used the way they are intended. The decision was made to view the DVDs at the start of next school year and consider whether to implement them. A copy of

“Consequences” will also be given to the HS counselor for review to see if she is currently using it or would be interested in using it. “What About Me” is a book with information on health issues specifically for girls and will be kept in the nurse’s office at High School to be used as a reference for female students.

The meeting closed with discussion of the need for parent involvement in SHAC for next year. Parents Amy Kubecka, Paulette Hunter, and Amber Engel stated they were still interested in being involved with SHAC. Suggestions for more volunteers were asked for and received. The recommendation was made to put the information in the summer issues of the monthly newsletters. The suggestion was also made to mention it at the Fall Parent Academy and have information available at the sign-in sheet. The possibility of dispersing information regarding SHAC at other community events, such as Little League sign-ups, and through other community resources, such as churches, was discussed. Information about SHAC will also be posted on the district webpage.