

## Gainesville ISD School Health Advisory Council-Minutes 10/25/22

- Call to order 6:05 PM
- Attendance taken on official roster, 13 participants present
- Approval of 9/23/22 minutes: Jana T. first motion, Traci seconded, unanimous approval
- Reports
  - Community Partners:
    - Abba: Debbie, updated on information available through Abba, life skills classes/curriculum, doing some 1:1 mentoring
    - Abigails Arms: Megan, currently meeting with 5<sup>th</sup> graders on Mondays teaching healthy and unhealthy relationships, currently getting trained in the “Not a Number” program. Abigails Arms is focusing on educating children and would like to get involved with other campus and classrooms
    - Department of State Health Services: Caroline, discussed they have resources and for suicide, Hope Squad, etc. Has met with Mr. Bawcom and will attend the upcoming counselors meeting
  - Health Services: Traci Skinner reported vision/hearing/weight/height/BMI completed on all campuses, scoliosis screenings will take place soon and 6<sup>th</sup> grade just completed their “Aim for Success” program. Twila Molsbee reported vision/hearing/growth assessments all completed at Head Start. Head Start implemented a photo screening tool that has caught many more vision issues than before. This tool has been ordered to use at other campuses.
  - Counseling: Mr. Bawcom representative, not present at meeting but updated through Paula we need to vote to approve district wide education curriculums at next meeting. Paula will follow up
  - Nutrition Services: Mr. Szczurek not present but reported through Paula that good nutrition starts at home and healthy recipes will soon be sent out in newsletters.
- Open Discussion
  - Paula discussed the focus of the SHAC for the year needs to be decided on. At last meeting was recommended to focus on school safety. There was discussion regarding whether this focus’ on student health, there is currently a committee forming to prepare staff on recognizing at risk students and how to handle situations. The group discussed bullying and mental health issues; information could be sent out to parents.
  - Traci discussed there are mandated curriculums that must be taught at certain grade levels and encouraged as a group we should focus on approving these programs and decide what grades/information needs to be pushed out. As a group we all agreed this is an important focus. “Character Strong” is a mental health curriculum that could be presented.
  - Karen discussed encouraging healthy relationships in younger grades. DSHS has videos and resources, Abba also has educational handouts, the group agrees this is important. As a group we need to collaborate with counselors/nurses/campuses. Paula will be meeting with counselors and hopefully they can attend in the future so we can discuss how we can get this information to the younger students.
  - Jeri would like to see campus drill information be sent out to parents so parents can work with their children to prepare for drills on campus.

- Action Items
  - Need to officially vote in chair of SHAC. Paula Parkhill currently serving as chair, Jessica motioned to approve Paula staying in this position, Debbie seconded with unanimous approval by group.
  - Traci recommended a co-chair position that is not employed by the district to serve on the committee. Sandy nominated Jessica Perez to serve as co-chair, Karen seconded, and unanimous approval was voted by group.
  - The SHAC will need to present information/recommendations to the Board of Trustees. We will meet again in January, time TBD, and information will be presented to the February board meeting.
- Meeting Adjourned: 6:47 PM