

SHAC MINUTES

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2023

Time: 1:00pm-2:28pm

List of Attendees attached

Meet and Greet

The meeting is required to be recorded and will be posted on the SHAC website within 10 days.

I. Katy ISD Safety Update

Nicole Emidy, from Katy ISD Emergency Management Team, provided information regarding some of Katy ISD's standard emergency response protocols. She provided an overview of the procedures and practices in place across the district to proactively ensure the safety of all students and staff.

She reviewed the district's upcoming safety exercise planned on June 7, 2023, at Tompkins High School which will be a full-scale active shooter and reunification exercise. Professional Development credit will be offered for staff members participating in the exercise. Volunteer hours for students participating will also be offered. Additional information about the event can be obtained by contacting Nicole Emidy at nicoleemidy@katyisd.org

II. Human Sexuality Opt-In Participation Comparison

HC Grimet, Coordinator of Physical Education, Health and Outdoor Learning Center, provided an update on the participation rate of students using opt-in for the human sexuality unit in health courses during the fall semester. He reported there were three separate notifications sent out to parents via email. The results he shared with the group represented the participation response for the fall semester of high school students in Katy ISD. Overall, there was a small percentage of students at each high school who opted out of the human sexuality unit; however, there was a high number of students at each high school who did not participate in the instruction because an opt-in permission was never completed and returned by parents. This resulted in higher numbers of students, than ever before, who did not participate in the human sexuality unit as part of the health course. After reviewing the data, SHAC committee members made the observation the highest percent of no responses came from Title I campuses. Committee

members theorized reasons for this could be due technology issue, lack of parental involvement, or confusion due to so much information going out from different district sources. Members questioned if participation rates would increase if teachers could send out the form through their communication email, instead of it being communicated solely by the district or campus. It was recommended to consider the possibility of requiring parents to select opt-in or opt-out when officially enrolling the student in the course during course selection. The possibility of offering incentives to students who return forms signed by a parent. Mr. Grimet will share the observations and suggestions collected with the district as it continues to monitor these newly adopted procedures.

III. CATCH Curriculum Update

Scott Power, an elementary physical education teacher at Campbell Elementary, provided members with information regarding the updated Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) curriculum. He reported prior to the newly adopted curriculum, CATCH was a box with flash cards with different activities used as a supplemental tool for physical education teachers. Since CATCH is now aligned with all the TEKS, our district has adopted them as part of the curriculum for physical education, health and science. The new CATCH curriculum resource is organized and easy to implement to meet varying needs of students and campuses.

Next Meeting

The next SHAC meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 1:00-2:30p.m. at the Food and Nutrition Department building.