

FBISD SHAC 2022-2023

April 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Theme: SHAC **ADVOCATES!**

I. Welcome

Mindful Moment— Allison Thummel, SHAC Chair

Allison called the meeting to order and started with a mindful moment.

II. FBISD bond video presentation-Long Pham, Chief Information Officer

Overview of bond components that are pertinent to SHAC—Chris Juntti, Interim Chief Operations Officer

bond components related to SHAC-playgrounds, walking tracks, clinic renovations, drinking fountain replacement, new intruder detection, tennis court renovations, baseball field renovations, locker room renovations, kitchen upgrades

Questions/Comments

Q. Lighting can make a difference in well-being of students-that component of the bond is pertinent to SHAC

A. Chris-New lighting will be more conducive to learning —phasing out fluorescent lighting

Q. Is there anything in this bond package for furniture—stand up desks, etc?

A. Chris-Furniture refresh is part of the bond—typically that is new student seating and teacher seating

Q.This committee has previously talked about alternatives to typical student desks. Is that in the bond?

A.Chris-Flexible seating is advantageous

Grayle James-as mother of very tall student—they don't always fit into the desks

Chris-There is seating and furniture refresh in the bond

Q. What are some of the limitations of the bond-cannot cover salaries, etc

A. Chris-The bond side has statutory limit on things we can pay for—bricks and sticks—buildings and what goes into those buildings

Salaries cannot be paid for with bonds

Q. What happens if this bond doesn't pass

A. Chris-indirect negative effect—for example Clements is still safe for our students, but the district will continue to deal with structural issues as it continues to sink

If bond doesn't pass, district will continue to do what we can for maintenance

If we have to use the general fund to pay for it then every dollar spent on repairs, etc.. is a dollar that can't be spent on salaries or educating kids

Long Pham—some of the software used in the district are outdated and are not supported, so the district has to figure out how to fix these broken things

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A. Getting to Know the Advocacy Subcommittee: Leads and Members Rocaille Roberts-Chair of Advocacy Subcommittee

introduced committee members and leads

B. Community Health Assessment- FB County Health & Human Services Carrie Rai MA, MSW, LMSW, Performance & Innovation Specialist

Mission is to promote and protect health and well-being of residents of Fort Bend County through disease prevention and intervention, public health emergency preparedness and response, community engagement, and helping to assure the equitable provision of basic human needs

-Conducted surveys within the county and interviewed key informants in the community to understand community health needs

-Obtained several data metrics—looked at over 200 pieces of data—compared what is available from CDC to what Fort Bend community said

-where there was crossover, those items were red flagged

-identified 5 major needs in the community

Mental health, housing, obesity, heart disease and prenatal care

-Developed a community health improvement plan-included community input to discuss problems and come up with strategies/solutions

-GOAL -then measurable objectives then strategies

GOALS

-Improve mental health by increasing access to services and providing education

-Endure safe and affordable housing units are available for ownership and rent for the present and future residents of Fort Bend County

-Improve health by decreasing obesity rates

-Improve cardiovascular health by increasing awareness and access

-Prevent pregnancy complications and maternal deaths and improve women's health before, during and after pregnancy

NEXT STEPS

-developing strategic plan within the health department –SHAC Can read the CHA &CHIP (see slides)

Questions/Comments

Q.Were the needs ranked in order of most to least?

A.Yes

Q.I'm surprised that finances didn't rank in the top 5. Studies show that a lot of mental health issues stem from financial issues.

A.When the community reaches out to our department for mental health assistance, we do recognize that there is a connection to financial issues and work to address those (uninsured, underinsured)

Q. It takes finances for low income people to eat healthy and would like to see those addressed more.

Q.Surprised that under obesity no strategies were targeted toward elementary schools

A.The obesity strategies are addressed under heart disease as well and they address a younger age

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Q.How was information gathered?

A.Surveys were administered at outreach events, sent out electronically-received 845 responses

Didn't have capacity to do a large campaign so there were some limitations with that

If you do have input, please share contact info with us

Through the challenges we experienced during COVID, it gave us a larger footprint—we try to widen our connection and welcome feedback

Hope to do another community feedback in 5 years to capture the evolving and changing themes

Q."Middle income" has become financially challenging—any plans to start community gardens at high schools that community members can access to have fruits and vegetables?

A.We do have a new chronic disease prevention program to educate community on nutrition –trying to partner with organizations to help with community gardens and access to fresh fruits and vegetables

Had to scale up department rapidly to meet the needs of the growing Fort Bend community-so still working on partnerships-connect with us to do presentations in schools, etc.

Q.Can county look into providing resources so schools can start community gardens?

A.Our department funding is limited to providing resources -try to leverage what we can through mutual relationships (foundations, etc.)

Q.I think this is great dialogue. FBISD is bringing concerted efforts to address the access piece to our families—access to fresh fruits and vegetables and food insecurity—Brighter Bites, Shared Dreams

A.CHIP is a community plan and needs to partner with community organizations

Q.Any conversations of in-patient mental health facilities in Fort Bend County?

A.Will give contact for someone who can provide additional information on that

A. **Getting to Know the Advocacy Subcommittee: Rocaille Roberts**

Rocaille will look at the County CHIP and look for areas of alignment

Advocacy Sub-committee began with Texas Legislature session in 2021

4 Key Goals (see slides)

SHAC Advocacy Resources (see slides)

SHAC's Take Action project

-SHAC Action sub-committee collected feminine hygiene supplies and toiletries for Shared Dreams—will be shared with campuses

-collection box will be at the administration building until the end of April

1. Update of Prevention Support Materials

Board voted to approve so schools can use resources

2. SHAC Roster

was approved by board—have full roster

3. Update of SHAC's Legislative Priorities

BOT will recognize SHAC's legislative priorities in the future

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II. Presentations

A. The Education Ecosystem in Texas & Legislative Update

Dax Gonzalez, Division Director, Texas Association of School Boards, Governmental Relations (not able to attend--presentation given by Chassidy Olainu-Alade, FBISD Coordinator Community and Civic Engagement-Communications and Koby Willbanks, FBISD Legal Counsel)

- Regular updates are provided by lawmakers, regulatory boards and agencies, local education agencies
- Several layers of advocacy—local levels often carry more weight than trying to get to the state levels
- At the local level, school board members –don't forget about local agencies for advocacy
- Student engagement—Chassidy meets with student leaders and student groups and teaches them techniques for advocacy –ie registering to vote, how can a student register and how can they help others register, what are requirements for registering –cast a broad network (parents, grandparents)—giving them a voice in their community
- Current legislative state session—don't also forget about federal level
- How do we advocate? Understand legal boundaries for advocacy
- School district employees are limited—cannot spend public funds to advocate for an issue—as a community citizen, employees can engage in advocacy outside of their official duties
- district can spend funds to lobby

- Most important thing is to vote-in all elections, local and national
- Stronger impact in elections with lower voter turnout—May election typically has low voter turnout (8,000-10,000)-advocacy efforts for these elections can have a large impact

- Relationships with legislators at all levels—if they know you and know your role and your expertise, your voice carries more weight---start building relationships early not just when issues come up
- Stay engaged
- Advocacy doesn't just stop at the capitol

- Legislative issues current legislature
 - *teacher shortages
 - *student enrollment
 - *state revenue surplus—advocating for some of this money to go to education—competing priorities
 - property tax relief
 - *school safety and facilities

- MyTLO -sign up to get email updates to stay informed about what is happening in state legislature (My Texas legislature online)

- Not a lot of bills related to schools have passed yet, so this is a good time to get engaged

- Contact TASB Governmental Relations 800-580-4885 Dax.gonzalez@tasb.org

III. Brain Break

Chassidy Olainu-Alade, FBISD Coordinator Community and Civic Engagement-Communications

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IV. Administration

A. **Vote SHAC Meeting Minutes (Special Called Mtg-3/21/23)—Cathy Hunter, SHAC Secretary**

2 spelling errors in minutes were corrected-do not affect content of minutes

Quorum present

Pearl Lam made motion to approve April 21 special called meeting minutes

Grayle James seconded

All in favor, none opposed

B. **Celebrations & Announcements—LaDonna Green, FBISD Wellness, Health & Prevention Specialist (See slides)**

Blood Drive on April 20 at administration building

Toiletry donation drive for Shared Dreams-box at admin building until end of month

Parent webinar April 19 online

Child Nutrition-held pizza making contest

FBISD Wellness Heroes awards—to nominate someone click link on FBISD SHAC website-due April 30

FBISD SHAC shirts for sale online

DEA Drug Takeback-April 22 10-2 at FBISD Admin building

National Nurses Appreciation Week- Shumaila Ali

looking for sponsors for the nurse meeting on May 9

Gift baskets, gift cards

door prizes

Harvest of the Month-Neill Elementary

Pet Day at Hightower High School

Girls On the Run—Holly Oller from Holley Elementary-coach of the year

New SHAC members

Vanessa Gaona

Markita Harrell

Eugenia Peck

Ayesha Salim

Catalina Flores-Rau

Andrew Ross-student at Clements HS -student member of advocacy sub-committee in attendance at meeting

Mental Health Wellness Event

Reminder about School Board Election on May 6

Angie Hanan—thank you to volunteers on SHAC—this is national volunteer week and read something from White House thanking volunteers

V. Subcommittees Convened

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Follow up from Chris Juntti via email

These schools will be getting new furniture if the bond passes (This was mentioned in his SHAC meeting presentation)

Copied directly from the email from Chris Juntti to Allison Thummel, SHAC Chair

Austin Elementary
Dulles Elementary
Dulles Middle School
Dulles High School
Highlands Elementary
Kempner High School
McAuliffe Middle School
Mission Glen Elementary
Mission West Elementary
Pecan Grove Elementary
Quail Valley Middle School
Settlers Way Elementary
Sugar Mill Elementary

Included with minutes-document from Chris Juntti outlining the health/safety and wellness items mentioned in his SHAC meeting presentation

Additional Items

- 1) Community baby shower event for donation requests. Allison will send out more information.
- 2) Prom dresses and suits are available for students needing these for prom. See Stephanie Brown for more information.
- 3) If anyone wants more information on relocating Child Nutrition from the current Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to the TEA, please email Allison for more information.

VI. Meeting Closure– Allison Thummel

Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

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SHAC members in attendance:

Angie Hanan BOARD
Sandy Bristow COMMUNITY
Stephanie Brown COMMUNITY
Doug Earle COMMUNITY
Grayle James COMMUNITY
Shama Tajani COMMUNITY
Pilar Westbrook, Ed.D DISTRICT
Lori Sartain DISTRICT
Brett Lemley, Ed.D. DISTRICT
LaDonna Green DISTRICT
Sierra Bell DISTRICT
Sharyl Aron DISTRICT
Payal Pandit Talati, MPH DISTRICT
Natalie Bostic, RN DISTRICT
Framy Diaz DISTRICT
Janet Singleton DISTRICT
Gary Hajdasz DISTRICT
Allison Thummel, MPH, RDN, LDN PARENT
Jenna Ross PARENT
Dana Tran, OD PARENT
Cathy Hunter PARENT
Melanie Anbarci PARENT
Rocaille Roberts PARENT
Melanie Eckert PARENT
Ana Catalina Flores-Rau PARENT
Vanessa Gaona PARENT
Nicole Juracek PARENT
Pearl Lam PARENT
Whitney Moody PARENT
Eugenia Peck PARENT

Guests:

Chassidy Olainu-Alade
Kim Taylor
Shumaila Ale
Carrie Rai
Meckela Ruggs
Shell McClue
Andrew Ross

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