BRONTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Vision: The vision of the Bronte ISD School Health Advisory Council is for all children to develop skills and knowledge to help them lead a healthy, productive life.

Mission: The mission of the Bronte ISD School Health Advisory Council is to provide help and support to students so that they can make safe and healthy decisions for a lifetime.

SHAC Meeting Minutes BISD Library

September 20, 2023

Members present: Ginger Robbins, Danielle Queen, Jaxon Morris, Stacy McGinnis, Kolby Lee, Janet Wommack

Members absent: Misty Davis, Megan Webb, Misi Hayes, Josh Eubanks

Guests: Daisy Sanchez

Ginger Robbins called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Legal Updates:

Ginger Robbins, Secondary Principal, provided information on HB 114 (from the 88th legislative session) that states the conditions under which a student may be either removed from class and placed in a disciplinary alternative education program, or expelled from a school for the possession, use, or delivery of marihuana or e-cigarettes on or near a public school property or at certain school events. Effective September 1, 2023

*To date Bronte ISD has had 2 students disciplined for possession of vapes on campus.

Texas law now requires school districts to distribute information to parents and guardians about the safe storage of firearms. The penalty for allowing a child access to a firearm can range from a Class C misdemeanor (punishable by a \$500fine) to a Class A misdemeanor (punishable by a \$4000 fine, a year in jail, or a combination of the two.)

*Bronte Elementary distributed a photocopy of the notice with resources to parents when the 3 week progress slips went home. Bronte Secondary posted the notice with resources on the student bulletin board as well as via Dojo on 09/13/23.

Nutrition:

Daniell Queen, BISD Food Service Director, mentioned that a few students have peanut allergies and that when a parent/guardian notifies the school, the student's account is flagged and then she makes sure the teachers and anyone who helps with breakfast and lunch knows what the students can and can't have. She made mention to red dye and pineapple allergies as well.

Ms. Queen stated the school is participating in a review which will go on through November. The site visit is set on November 29th. It was suggested by Kolby Lee that each school office should have an Epi Pen.

Curriculum:

Mrs. Robbins reported the 2023-24 Bronte ISD Curriculum was approved by the School Board on April 12th of 2023.

Counseling

Daisy Sanchez, BISD Guidance Counselor, distributed a handout explaining T CHATT and YAM. **T CHATT** services are provided like telemedicine. This is for a student that may need access to counseling. It is handled over Zoom, and it is free. The counselor will meet with students up to 6 times. The program provided us with an iPad and the necessary items to host the sessions. We had 4 kids that took advantage of it last year. The sessions last about 45 minutes. There must be parent permission for the students to take advantage of the program and they sit in on the 1st session.

YAM (Youth Aware of Mental Health) will be utilized for our 8th graders this year. Neither the teachers nor the Counselor sit in with the students during the sessions.

*Both T CHATT and YAM services are provided through Texas Tech.

Major Clarity is an academic planning platform with interactive career path test-drives. We are utilizing it for Career Exploration and post-secondary prep every Wednesday during LEAP.

A Shannon Medical Center representative is partnering with us to facilitate career exploration for our 7th, 8th and 9th graders during the month of September. The students utilize the Virtual Reality Oculus technology to see what it is like to respond to a car accident, perform knee replacement surgery and what it is like during an ER visit. Mrs. Sanchez reported they will come back in the Spring and students will have the opportunity to explore wind turbines and solar panels.

Finally, our 10th, 11th and 12th graders traveled to TSTC in Sweetwater to attend the College Fair on Monday, September 18th.

Health and Fitness:

Coach Misty Davis provided Mrs. Robbins an overview of our PK - 6th PE program which she read to the committee. She stated that Pre K is pretty much all play but they do learn their spots in the gym. They also stretch and learn how to run 1-2 laps. Also, she says she takes Pre K to the playground until the weather turns cold. 1st - 5th PE does "Muscle Monday" which are exercise stations working on all different muscle groups. Students learn names of muscles and what they do. "Teamwork Tuesdays and Thursdays is when they either play an organized team game or work on sport-specific drills that coincide with junior high and high school sports. They also learn about teamwork and sportsmanship."Wings on Wednesday" is where the students run/walk on the track and she keeps up with their total miles. On "Fun Friday" the students get to play what they choose. Coach Davis also gives out shoe ring beads for their miles. Students that received marks for the week sit out for a certain amount of time. Additionally, Coach Davis explained that they have been learning a short dance each week to perform at the pep rally. 6th grade is considered pre-athletics and they do Muscle Monday type stuff, run at the track, and work on the sport of the season.

Coach Davis utilizes an Elementary Health textbook that she pulls things from, every now and then, to touch on health education and cover those TEKS. Finally, we will do our annual "Hoops For Heart" fundraiser for the American Heart association sometime in the 2nd semester.

Screenings

Mrs. Robbins reported that Secretary Bree Riley has the Vision, Hearing, Spinal, Acanthosis Screenings scheduled for October 4th and 5th with re-scans set for October 18th.

Required Trainings:

Mrs. Robbins reported that all staff members completed the required Civil Rights Training as well as the annual Eduhero training modules. The required trainings include: FERPA and PPRA in Schools, Bullying Prevention and Intervention, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, Teen Dating Violence for Educators, Cyberbullying-David's Law, Bloodborne Pathogens Refresher, Title IX in Schools, Child Maltreatment Responsibilities, Human Trafficking Awareness.

Safety and Security

Mrs. Robbins reported that as per TEA requirements on safety and security for school districts, each school is directed to keep all exterior doors locked. The principals complete door sweeps every week, to make sure that all outside doors are locked and latched. Additionally, we close opened doors to teacher classrooms and make sure they are locked throughout the day. As you know, Bronte ISD has a very comprehensive Guardian Program in place to further protect our students and staff.

It was mentioned that with the new gate along the back of the campus, the Sheriff Department, Ambulance Service and Fire Department may need the gate code to enter.

Students are now using the Crisis Go app on their Chromebooks (rather than StopIt) for Bully Reporting

New Business

When asked if there is any new business to include on the next SHAC Agenda, it was mentioned that perhaps the Class Dojo app may be used too frequently to share study guides and announcements about assignments. The principal stated that it could be a topic to discuss with faculty during the next meeting.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm