

ALPINE ISD SHAC MINUTES – May 17, 2022

The meeting was held at the AHS Library and was called to order at 12:34 p.m. Those in attendance were:

Gayla Owen – AISD Nurse, Kelli Warren, Officer Alex Lopez, Courtney Cobb, Nutrition Director, Allison Vidal, Para AHS, Dennis Mc Entire, Interim Superintendent, Verl O’Bryant, AHS Principal, Clay Brayden, CFO, and Judith Pardo, AMS Principal

Ms. Owen welcomed and thanked those present for attending the meeting. Ms. Owen then informed the group that the purpose of the meeting was to vote on a Sex Education Curriculum to recommend to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Mc Entire informed the committee about HB 1525, which he stated made several changes to the process by which school boards adopt a sex education curriculum. He informed the council that school boards must adopt a formal policy establishing a process for the adoption of sex education curriculum materials. He also stated that HB 1525 required school districts must get written permission (opt-in) from parents or guardians actively opting children into sex education instead of opting children out of sex education. He went on to explain that the deliberations of the SHAC and Board would have to be videod and shared with parents/guardians prior to implementation as well as being offered for purchase or download on the school’s website. Mr. McEntire recommended that there be no separate sex education curriculum and that the district use the recommended heath textbook recommended by the State Board of Education.

Allison Vidal asked if the yearly “sex discussion” given yearly to 7-12th grade would still be given yearly by local physicians. Ms. Owen stated that this would still be done for students whose parents opted in.

Verl O’Bryant motioned that the SHAC committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that there be no Sex Education Curriculum. Kelli Warren was second to motion with the committee voting unanimously that there be no Sex Education Curriculum outside that contained in stated adopted Health textbooks.

Mr. Mc Entire suggested the committee work on building the committee by inviting friends, stakeholders, and other community members. He voiced the importance of working together to have a successful committee.

Ms. Owen stated that she would go to the Board meeting tomorrow, May 18, 2022, to give the Board of Trustees the SHAC committee’s recommendation to NOT have a sex education curriculum.

Judith Pardo motioned to adjourn and Clay Brayden was second motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1250