

Round Top-Carmine ISD

School Health Advisory Council Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:30a.m.

Minutes

The SHAC of the Round Top-Carmine ISD met on August 18, 2021. Members present were Brandon Schovajsa, Sara Behnke, Linda McCulloch, Dodd Lange, Veronica Skaggs, Kate Schoen, and RaChelle Kuecker.

Mr. Schovajsa welcomed all members to the meeting and discussed the changes to the District based on the recent updates from TEA regarding COVID.

The SHAC Committee discussed the RT-C opening plans for the district regarding COVID mitigation.

Mr. Schovajsa opened the floor for comments/concerns regarding COVID that the District may need to consider when preparing to open this school year:

- vaccination is the best defense against COVID.
- severe cases that are being treated in the medical facilities are almost all unvaccinated patients
- no truly overall effective treatment at this time for COVID, expect prior vaccination
- vaccination should be deemed as safe for use
- experimental drugs that are being used to treat COVID could have very adverse effects on the body, especially the liver and kidneys
- long-term health effects of COVID are happening, especially damage to the lungs and heart
- flu cases have become almost nonexistent
- the vaccine should be viewed as a safer alternative compared to the experimental treatments/infusions that are used as a last resort for treatment
- the district had less cases of lice and infectious sickness spreading last year due to a lot of the measures that were implanted. The district will keep practices such as hand sanitizing, use of water bottles/filling stations, distancing, COVID testing, and localized sanitizing of school furniture that is heavily used.

Mr. Schovajsa opened the floor for comments/concerns that the District may need to consider in regards to COVID/Mental Health. Following were the comments/concerns that were stated:

- COVID is causing anxiety in the medical facilities.
- People who have recovered from COVID often have anxiety related to the feeling of not being able to breath
- coping skills are already lacking in today's society, and the stress of COVID is enhancing the stress of people due the lack of coping skills
- people are struggling t get back to normalcy after being in quarantine phase for so long

Mr. Schovajsa opened the floor for comments/concerns that the District may need to consider in regards to Sexual Education/Health Curriculum. Following were the comments/concerns that were stated:

- this should be taught; it is very necessary
- high school curriculum follows standards that are in compliance with state mandates
- students at the elementary campus will receive puberty/body changes presentation in 5th grade
- parents will be informed before the curriculum is discussed

Mr. Schovajsa opened the floor for comments/concerns that the District may need to consider in regards to local health issues, safety concerns, etc. No additional comments were provided.

The Council adjourned at 9:28 a.m.