**GISD and Hunt Co. Head Start SHAC Minutes**

April 6th, 2022 12:00pm-1:00pm

Wesley Martin Admin. Bldg.- Board Room

Presentation:

Health Education and HB 1525: Dr. Laurie Hitzelberger

* Dr. Hitzelberger presented the process that all proposed curriculum content relating to the prevention of child abuse and or family violence, dating violence, sex trafficking, human sexuality and reproductive health must go through in order to be taught to students. Focus today was on Community Agencies providing education in these areas. The process for Communities Agencies will commence in the fall of the 22-23 SY.
* Health course curriculum content that addresses any of these areas will also have to follow the same process. The middle school health curriculum will be presented at the next SHAC meeting on May 4th for second review by SHAC and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for approval.
* A notable change is the requirement for parents to opt in for their child to attend instead of opt out.
* Please see attached ppt. for the full presentation and description of the approval process.
* A summary of the subcommittee meeting on March 23rd regarding the content of the programs offered by our Community Agencies in these areas was provided to all attendees for reference/information. A copy is attached.

Discussion:

Concerns brought up in the meeting:

* Do all content updates in previously approved programs need to go through the process again in order to be taught. Many programs have updates to stay current?
* Concern was expressed that the process would be too lengthy in the fall to allow for timely education on the topics before spring and the testing season .
* There was discussion about consistency in regards to the principals deciding which approved programs to teach at their campus.
* Dr. Hitzelberger answered the concern from previous meeting regarding posting of sensitive curriculum on the website. All content relating to the subjects will be available on the campus for review by parents, not posted on website.
* If the curriculum is not taught to all students due to opt out and delay because of the process are the teachers trained to spot and respond to the signs and symptoms of abuse? Dr. Hitzelberger responded that yes staff are trained during in-service to spot signs/symptoms of abuse and to report to appropriate authorities.
* Members proposed that the district consider ways to increase parental awareness of the information being taught so they do not miss out on the opportunity to opt in to these programs/lessons.
* Members were provided a link to review the Texas Education Code link as a reference to answer some of their specific questions.

Minutes from the Feb 23rd SHAC were approved.

Future topics: Middle School Curriculum

Next Meeting: May 4th 12noon, board room at WMAB.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm.