

New Braunfels ISD
Health Advisory Council
October 27, 2004 8am
Education Center

Membership- New Members & Introductions

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) -2 donated to the high school; Dean Laird is seeking donations/funding for additional units.

- There is a definite need for AED's (ZOLL Brand has been purchased).
 - 5 more in HS are needed, 3 at middle school and at least 1 in each campus, 1 in Ed Center, etc. Totaling approx. 25 Units in all

Overview of School Health Advisory Council

Organized according to Senate Bill 19, now Amendment 1357

- Initially set up to evaluate Sex Education curriculum in districts. The committee serves in an advisory capacity only. Concerns of health and wellness are brought to the committee.
- Committee reports to the board (needs and concerns)

Worth The Wait Program Update (By Cheri Polk, RN)

- State mandated abstinence sex instruction/curriculum for secondary level students
- Some resistance was acknowledged by parents, teachers, and some students when the program was first implemented. As persons have become more informed about the program, the reaction has been positive.
- Dr. Overman (community member) and other local physicians have made presentations at high school.
- Parent meetings have been low in attendance at the high school, but staff is striving to increase attendance and support. The program presentation did have high attendance at the middle school and some of those parents now have students at high school.
- Curriculum is addressed through Health and Biology at high school level. The curriculum is addressed through Science at 6th grade and middle school.

Health Textbook Adoption Committee (Renee Brietzke)

- The district is organizing a textbook committee to review health textbooks and materials for possible future State adoption. Campus Administrators have been contacted and CATCH champions will be contacted in the future. The committee is being directed and organized by Renee Brietzke.

Take Ten! Program Presented by (DD Ames) Supports CATCH Program

- New Curriculum (McKenna Hospital bought one program for each district)
- Shanna Hart at Lamar (District CATCH Champion) will have the original copy for the district (level k-5)

- Each campus will have a copy (black and white) for their grade levels as soon as copies are made.
- The curriculum includes a video overview, 10-minute presentations with cross-curriculum (science, health, social studies math), posters and stickers.

CATCH – Coordinated Approach to Child Health

(Senate Bill 19 requires a 4 Component Program)

- By 2007 every school must have a state approved curriculum to address specific health issues (obesity, diabetes, heart disease).
- All primary and elementary schools have a CATCH Program and Committee

All primary and elementary schools are participating in the “GO Kids Challenge”, a walking program sponsored by Diamond Shamrock. The exercise component goes along with the CATCH curriculum.

Last year a committee of district science teachers integrated the CATCH curriculum for Grades 3,4, & 5 into the science TAKS curriculum so it would be easier for the teachers to use the lessons.

Gwen Mills reported that she received permission to order booklets: Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids (approved by Dr. Bratcher and Dr. Patton) and all primary and elementary campuses will hopefully be receiving them in the near future.

Requested Discussion for next meeting:

Food Service Representation to discuss “Bag a Breakfast” for children who have not had a chance to eat breakfast (due to transportation, etc.)

Screening at the HS level: concerns for Vision, Hearing, etc. – Possible letter to the State about students needs at this age level.

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, February 3 8am
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Thursday, March 31 8am
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Minutes submitted by: Renee Brietzke