
SHAC Meeting #3 by Email

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Greetings SHAC Members,

I originally communicated to you that we would have a SHAC meeting on March 30. Somehow I failed to get that on my calendar, and it slipped by me. I apologize for the error. Instead, I have put together a "meeting by email" to keep us on schedule. You'll find several reports from key Troy ISD personnel below. You are welcome to contact me with questions. Our last meeting—to be conducted via Zoom—will be April 27 at 4:00 pm. (We will resume lunch-time meetings next fall. I know 4:00 pm is not terribly convenient, which is why I will record the meeting.) I will send a reminder and a Zoom link one week prior. We do have some business for that last meeting, the required triennial wellness plan evaluation. Now, to the business at hand.

Kasey Bass—Truancy Prevention Officer

- All but two severely truant students that were behind/absent in 3rd or 4th six-weeks have improved their attendance this 4th and 5th six weeks, both remote and in-person. (along with Mr. Frei)
- Truancy prevention measures used have been:
 - Signing students up for outside-of-school counseling, and/or District Crisis Intervention
 - Warning letters in the mail
 - Attendance Contracts and Behavior Improvement Plans signed
- Court filings: One student, pending a second student 4/6/2021
- 3 out of 4 extremely truant Seniors returned and completed all graduation requirements/credits needed (along with Mr. Frei)
- Address verification with several families using an address within the district that is not where the students reside
 - Homeless paperwork and withdrawal paperwork has been used to resolve some of these issues

Dwayne Frei—District Crisis Counselor

- In regards to academics, we continue to work hard to get seniors graduated and will do so again at a 100 percent rate with another challenging caseload. Tremendous teamwork from administrators, counselors, teachers, and teacher's aides to make this happen.
- The rest of the academic caseload K-12 has made outstanding gains, as the goal is the change permanent habits, culture, and change negative coping skills to positive lifelong habits. This is the case for those in primary school, high school, or anywhere in between.
- As has always been the case here and everywhere, we continue to help those with the most severe issues and there are many suffering extreme poverty, domestic abuse, CPS cases, alcoholism, and other addictions. I work with the students, but also with families, outside counseling agencies, law enforcement, and anyone else who can help students.
- We are of course focused on the present and every moment, helping students survive and thrive their sometimes very difficult circumstances, matriculate to the next grade, and graduate on time.

However, we are working on future tasks on a daily basis as well.

-This summer I will again present on a broad range of topics to a good percentage of our staff.

-One of the June week long trainings will be entitled “Beyond Covid-19 – Building Self-Esteem in Kids, Essential Traits of a Positive School Environment, Self-Care, and Much More”. This will be 6-hour course jam packed with positive information to teach staff of all roles how to better help kids and help themselves.

-The second June training will be for campus counselors. In that week long course, I will discuss the newest trends and techniques in counseling, how to better help our foster kids, and time will be spent creating strategies for students on our caseloads moving between campuses.

Penny Braeuer—District Nurse

- * Immunizing Staff (134) with Pfizer Covid Vaccine once State of Texas opened the opportunity up to school employees, 2nd dose coming up in April.
- * Completing annual School screenings for appropriate grades
- * Supporting Troy ISD Administrations mask mandate- social distancing/ Covid recommendations.
- * Attempting to organize a community wide drive for Covid Vaccine administration to make available to Troy ISD parents and community leaders.

That's all for now. Thank you, SHAC members.

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