

## **School Health and Advisory Committee (SHAC)**

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 12:00 PM

Board Room at the Education Center, 2602 South Belt Line Road, Grand Prairie, Texas 75052

1. **12:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER**
2. **OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS**
  - A. Persons attending the meeting may request an Open Forum Sign-Up Card. The card must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Board President or designee prior to the meeting being convened. The Open Forum is limited to agenda items other than personnel, public officers, and individual/specific students. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. When more than one individual wishes to address the same agenda item, the President may ask the group to appoint one spokesperson.
3. **WELCOME REMARKS**

Umeka Wright, Director of Student and Employee Wellness

  - A. Board and Community Members
  - B. Parents
  - C. District and Campus Administrators and Staff
  - D. Reminder: Sign In for Attendance
4. **MINUTES**
5. **UPDATES**
  - A. Mid-Year Health and Wellness Services Department Data  
Patience Baity, BSN, RN Executive Director of Health and Wellness
  - B. Mid-Year Counseling Services Data  
Jereese Johnson, Executive Director of Secondary Counseling Programs and College Readiness
  - C. Call 4 Care  
Dr. Blanca Sanchez McGee, Executive Director of Social Emotional Learning
  - D. Child Nutrition and Food Service  
Dustin Seymour, Director of Food Services
  - E. Playground Initiative  
Patience Baity, BSN, RN Executive Director of Health and Wellness
  - F. Heart Health Month  
Amanda Rachal, BSN, RN, Health and Wellness Services Nurse Educator
  - G. Teen Dating Violence Awareness  
Vanessa Baum, MPH, Family Place, Director of Prevention Education
  - H. Teen Dating Violence Senate Bill 9  
Jasmine Gaines, M.Ed, LCSW, Student Mental

Health and Grant Program Manager

6. **COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Next SHAC meeting: April 2, 2025, at 12:00  
p.m.

Umeka Wright, Director of Student and  
Employee Wellness

B. Members invited to share relevant updates

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

# SHAC MEETING MINUTES



Location: GPISD Education Center, Board Room A

Date: 12/4/24, 12:00–1:00

## 1 Call to Order

Meeting of the School Health Advisory Council was called to order on 12/4/24 at 12:00 pm by Umeka Wright. Introductions were made. Umeka Wright, Patience Baity, Jasmine Gaines, Dr. Boozer, Gwendolyn Sanders, Rich Laffey, Louisa Ramirez, Chris Hamilton, Zhiloh Israel, Ruth Minotti, Jason Farris, Mike Garcia, Vanessa Baum, and Rosie Mendez were in attendance.

**2 Minutes Approval:** Umeka Wright motioned to approve the minutes from 10/2/24. Seconded by Patience Baity. A motion was presented, properly seconded and carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

**3 Updates from Child Nutrition:** The department fed over 20,000 students and 6,000 parents. Started after school meals at Bush and Bowie will follow. As a part of their newest initiative, plant based meat patties will be served.

**4 School-Based Telehealth:** Melanie Bitzer, Director of School Health Programs at Children’s Health, spoke about why tele-healthcare programs need to be placed in schools, the benefits (low/no cost), what the program provides, satisfaction rate (95% parent satisfaction rate), materials & training provided by the program. Program can be utilized at home for students who are too ill to come to school.

One of the benefits of this program is that more informed decisions regarding student dismissal can be made (Students are able to return to the classroom more quickly).

Another benefit is that families don’t have to worry about the cost of an Urgent Care visit; services are provided on campus.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Action Items:** Umeka Wright proposed a nomination for the Co-chair of the committee. Gwendolyn Sanders was elected co-chair. Jasmine Gaines was elected secretary

## NEXT MEETING DATE:

February 5, 2025, 12:00–1:00 p.m.

## MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.