

# **Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting**

## **Board Meeting Room, East Lansing High School**

### **February 18, 2021**

- 1) **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Melissa Fore at 6:34 PM
- 2) **Membership Roll Call.** Members present: Mary Vrbanac, Diane Tuinstra, Janaia Amos, LaTonya Turner, Melissa Fore, Steve Kwasnik, Jon Gold, Rebecca Malouin, Glenn Mitcham, Kim Henderson, Megan Maas
- 3) **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**

*No changes*

A motion to approve the agenda without any changes was made by LaTonya Turner and seconded by Steve Kwasnik. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **Public Comment:** *No public comment*
- 5) **Presentations/Committee Reports**
  - a) **Sex Ed Director Report**
    - Email communications with a district parent through Glenn Mitcham indicate that we are on the right track with intersex language.
    - Amaze is working on including intersex in their next puberty video.
    - We want to make right by intersex students by making sure our research and education is thorough. Agreed to continue this work into next year to ensure that our research and recommendations are thorough and not rushed.
- 8) **Unfinished Business**
  - a) **Intersex inclusivity starting in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum**
    - Discussed where we include intersex today in each grade's curriculum.
    - Presented a definition of intersex from GLESN and another from Kids Help Line then discussed.
      - 1) Other organizations use language that is more inclusive and the board is looking at multiple definitions before including one in the curriculum.
      - 2) A subcommittee could help get to the language we like for intersex education.
        - 1) Danny Hearit, Jon Gold, Melissa Fore and Mary Ellen Vrbanac agreed to be a part of that subcommittee starting up in the fall.
    - Watched a video titled "Intersex Explained"| Pop'n'Oilly | Olly Pike.
      - 1) The information in the video was received well by the board. The video is intended for middle school level and up. Discussed pros and cons of using this video. Received no recommendation at this time to use this video.
  - b) **MiPHY Discussion**
    - Reviewed selected survey results. Most overall percentages were consistent with Ingham County.
    - Discussed various statistics and how it could relate to changes to the curricula.

**9) New Business**

- a. None

**11) Announcements**

Next Meeting March 18, 2021 6:30 PM (last meeting this school year)

**12) Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

**Note:** The January meeting minutes were approved via email vote on 2-8-21 and thus do not appear on this agenda as requiring a vote of approval. The Feb. 18 minutes were approved on 3-1-21.