

Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting

Via Zoom

March 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 Vrbancac., Melissa Fore, Amy Bigman, Glenn Mitcham, Rebecca Malouin, Sydney Greenway, Steve Kwasnik, Jon Gold, LaTonya Turner, Kim Henderson, Diane Tuinstra.

3) Approval/Additions to the Agenda

No changes were proposed. A motion to approve the agenda without any changes was made by Steve Kwasnik and seconded by Amy Bigman. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Public Comment: None

5) Presentations/Committee Reports

a) Sex Ed Director Report

Mary Ellen Vrbancac will update the handbook. Planning for implementing sexual health and HIV lessons for 4th, 5th, 7th, & 8th grades this spring is underway. There will be no changes for this year, and there is only one new 4th grade teacher. Mary Ellen will have a discussion with the teachers prior to the beginning of the classes.

After reviewing the MiPhy results in the last meeting, we will want to add consent/relationship violence at the middle school level to the curriculum.

8) Unfinished Business

a) Intersex inclusivity beginning in 4th grade curriculum

The subcommittee for intersex inclusivity will meet next academic year. During the meeting we reviewed the intersex inclusivity document from February. Two members of community have reached out; they are willing to provide input and we could reach out to them for assistance in the subcommittee next fall.

9) New Business

a. Sexual health and HIV education curriculum evaluation

The Curriculum Evaluation Tool developed by MDE and other experts was reviewed during the meeting. It was created in November 2005 and appears to be fairly up-to-date for being 15 years old. The SEAB could use it to evaluate current curriculum as well as future curriculum. After discussion, we do not see the need to vet our existing curriculum through this tool, but it will be useful for future additions. Melissa will update the document with cultural and racial diversity representation and LGBTQ+ inclusivity additions and send it back to Mary Ellen.

b. 2021/22 SEAB goals

- Evaluate consent content in the current curriculum for middle school and add content to increase skills in preventing relationship violence.
- Review and evaluate the 4th and 5th grade curricula and materials. Make updates as recommended. Include general consent (non-sexual) content if not already taught in Second Step.

- Evaluate current content on sexual representation in media and determine need for added content in relationship to pornography. Add age-appropriate content, as recommended. Explore providing a parent informational session on adolescents and porn.
- Use the adopted curriculum evaluation tool that includes criteria for representation and inclusion of a diverse student body in a meaningful and positive manner, when adding content to present curriculum and evaluating new curricula.
- The East Lansing Sex Education Director, in conjunction with the SEAB, will update the Sexual Health Education Handbook available on the ELPS website a minimum of once a year.

c. SEAB member terms & application process

- Leaving: Sydney Greenway (graduating), Janaia Amos (graduating), Rebecca Malouin, and Kim Henderson. Melissa Fore's term is up and she will need to reapply. We will need two students and two regular members for next school year. The openings will be advertised in a variety of places beyond just the ELPS e-blast.

11) Announcements

Next meeting September 2021 6:30 PM (exact date to be announced later).

12) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kim Henderson and seconded by Sydney Greenway. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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