

**Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting**  
**HUB Meeting Room – East Lansing High School**  
**April 17th, 2025, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

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**1) Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Danny Hearit at 6:40 PM

**2) Membership Roll Call.**

- a. Members present: Bridget-Burns King, Anne Scott, Danny Hearit, Jonathan Gold, Glenn Mitcham, Heather Marlow, Andrea Kelley, Megan Maas
- b. Guests: Katie Trickey

**3) Approval/Modifications to the Previous Meeting Minutes**

No quorum.

**4) Approval/Additions to the Agenda**

No quorum.

**5) Public Comment:**

- a. None. ELPS student paper and MSU students from Dr Megan Maas's class have are observing.

**6) Guest Speaker**

- a. Katie Trickey – Gender and Sexuality Workshop
  - i. Materials were emailed out and reviewed beforehand.
  - ii. Katie gave an overview of her qualifications, presentation and how she approaches the lesson with the high school students.
    - 1. Intro with group agreements/expectations.
    - 2. Gender identity and expression is first talked about is defined, and stereotypes are talked about.
    - 3. Sex assigned at birth is discussed next.
    - 4. Pronouns are introduced focusing on respect.
    - 5. Sexuality and romantic attraction.
    - 6. Process of coming out, choosing not to come out and safety.
    - 7. Building community around shared experience.
    - 8. Gender unicorn scale – shown and optionally handed out to be filled out by students.
  - iii. Questions
    - 1. How long is the lesson?
      - a. One day session with two lessons.
    - 2. Is this lesson for those with developmental disabilities?
      - a. No, there is a different lesson/curriculum for that.

3. How do you handle students that are disruptive to the lesson?
  - a. Get them involved and redirect their energy towards being included in the lesson. Only as a last resort, for the other student's wellbeing, is a student removed.
4. This lesson seems to include everyone, including cis and hetero people.
5. The way Katie carries herself with such expertise and understanding will be a real value-add to the classroom.

## **7) Presentations/Committee Reports**

- a. Sex Ed Director Report
  - i. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade sex ed has finished or is currently completing instruction for the year.
  - ii. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade - will start instruction in the last weeks of school, including the pilot.
  - iii. High school sex ed is starting next week, including pilot materials.
  - iv. Special education will require an overview and update to our implementation approach next year. There has been staff turnover requiring a refresh on training/orientation to the materials, and there are process improvement opportunities for how parents are notified and education is delivered.
- b. 7th -12th Grade Curriculum Review Committee
  - i. Pilot is prepared for 7-8th and 9th and 12th grade. Timeline will necessitate carrying over the curriculum approval process into the fall of 2025-2026 school year.
  - ii. Noted that health certification status for Science teachers at the 7th -8th grade level is a newly surfaced consideration for our curriculum selection process. Under the Michigan Model curriculum, non-health-certified teachers can provide the instruction. However, if a different curriculum is selected, that permission may not be extended. State law requires that sex education instruction be delivered through health-certified educators, unless otherwise permitted.

<p><b><u>Guest Speakers:</u></b></p> <p>Danny Hearit, Kelly Maier, Karessa Wheeler, Andrea Kelley, Anne Scott</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pornography module for HS</li> <li>• Sexual violence prevention/Consent program with Lansing Women's Center</li> </ul>	<p>Women's center grant runs out soon.</p> <p>Sept - Anne will reach out for Lansing Women's Center about consent. Making a sundae for someone else. Could a student club do this program after school? Or within the health class?</p> <p>Jan - Looking to get a guest speaker vetted by February for board approval, or wait for the new curriculum.</p> <p>Feb – Awaiting LAAN update. Women's Health Center grant approved; we can use them as a guest speaker.</p> <p>Mar – Two guest speakers on deck to be approved for next meeting!</p> <p>Apr – Feel good about our two guest speakers in the process for approval and parent night was a success!</p>
<p><b><u>Data, Surveys and Outreach:</u></b></p> <p>Kelly Maier, Jonathan, Heather, Andrea Kelley &amp; Anne Scott</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent &amp; Student Survey Plan for 2025-26</li> <li>• Establish a student/youth advisory board/focus group that could help SEAB evaluate our videos and curriculum and make recommendations on student needs</li> <li>• Evaluate opt-out data, process improvement and identify populations missed/excluded</li> </ul>	<p><u>Kelly shared draft student survey questions</u></p> <p>Sept - Have a draft of the survey and the district did a parent survey in 2019 so we can bring that altogether. Will try to meet before January.</p> <p>Jan -District parent survey can be done if we cannot make progress on the student survey.</p> <p>Feb – Parent survey progress and getting it out to parents. Can look at last year MiPhy data. Discussed federal funds, IRB.</p> <p>Mar - Data/Survey Team will have a recommendation to bring forward for a parent and student survey the next time we meet.</p> <p>Apr – No updates, will meet together to finish tasks.</p>

<p><b><u>Sexual Violence Prevention:</u></b></p> <p>Melissa Fore, Chad O'Neil, Bridget Burns-King, Glenn Mitcham, Lola Fore, Lola Henderson.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with District Mental Health Coordinator (Heather Findlay)/Mental Health Advisory Committee to evaluate and implement programs and education around violent masculinity, overlap of substance abuse and sexual health, sexual harassment, gender roles/norms</li> </ul>	<p>Sept - Glenn will get communication and an initial meeting going to learn status of MHAC</p> <p>Nov - Met before Nov meeting and we met with Fin. Fin said we need everyone on all levels onboard before a culture shift could really happen.</p> <p>Jan – MI Coalition to End Sexual Violence. Best programs for youth are youth lead and developed by youth. Safe Bae.</p> <p>Feb – Library resources sent, will include as a link to parents.</p> <p>Mar - Sam V's Ice cream sundae consent workshop helps meet some of this committee's goals.</p> <p>Apr – No updates.</p>
<p><b><u>Parent Resources/Community Education:</u></b></p> <p>Jonathan Gold, Megan Maas, Danny Hearit, Bridget-Burns King</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent education on pronouns and gender identity – Danny Hearit</li> <li>• K-3 Parent Resources/Book recommendations</li> <li>• Parent porn education/PopPorn – Megan Maas</li> </ul>	<p>Sept - Danny volunteered for to go over their presentation for Pronouns that we could do as part of a Spring SEAB Series.</p> <p>Oct - Will talk to Megan about Porn module for HS and/or Spring SEAB Series.</p> <p>Nov - Sara could help on active consent outside of the Lansing Women's Center as a third entry in the series. Liberians could help with K-3 parent resources and book recommendations. DeWitt Pride has a book list as well.</p> <p>Jan – The EL Library will provide a list for resources at that location.</p> <p>Feb – 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent night to be held at conference time. Early April for Danny's pronoun presentation for community. Next fall for Megan's PopPorn.</p> <p>Mar – Danny went over the Pronouns presentation for the board. Took suggestions and will implement before the event. The presentation was well received and needed in the community now more than ever</p>

		Apr – No updates. Determined to meet in May.
<b><u>Other Goals:</u></b>		<b><u>Accomplishments</u></b>
Anne, Melissa and Curriculum Review Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify replacement 7-12th Grade Curriculum</li> </ul>	Reviewed PPP and where not impressed with it over RRR that is free.
<b>Ongoing SEAB Goals</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure inclusive language and content in the curriculum at all grade levels</li> </ul> <p>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 the present curriculum and evaluating the new curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify family education methods and resources to support sex education at home. Link families to these resources</li> <li>The ELPS Sex Education Supervisor, in conjunction with the SEAB, will update the Sexual Health Education Handbook available on the ELPS website a minimum of once per year.</li> </ul>		

## 8) Unfinished Business

- a. Approve new slate of SEAB Members for 2025-2026
  - i. No quorum. Discussed members for next year.

## 9) New Business

- a. SEAB recommendation of Guest Speakers (Trickey and Vaive).
  - i. No quorum. Recapped guest speakers and had overwhelmingly positive things to say about them.
- b. Debrief *Pronouns in the Auditorium* event.
  - i.

## 10) Announcements

- a. Next meeting May 15th, 2025 in the HUB

## 11) Adjournment

No quorum. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.