

SEAB Meeting Agenda

ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting

HUB – East Lansing High School

Jan. 15, 2026. 6:30 p.m.

1) **Call to Order.** 6:36 p.m. by Danny

2) **Membership Roll Call.**

1) Not Present - Megan Maas, Asmau Ayub

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

a. Heather noted that she was absent from the November meeting.

b. Motion by Bridget to amend and approve the minutes. Heather seconded. Approved.

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

a. Motion by Andrea to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by Melissa. Approved.

4) **Public Comment**

a. Danny Hearit shared that they had an opportunity to review a new book for Whitehills 5th graders to improve their understanding of non-binary peers.

5) **Presentations/Committee Reports**

a. Sex Ed Director Report: Anne Scott, ELPS Sex Education Supervisor

- i. In December, the Board of Education approved 3R for the new high school curriculum. Anne is working with high school educators to be ready with plans for the second semester. Adding in our newly approved guest speakers (Consent workshop and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)
- ii. Fifth-grade parental notifications on sex education are out this month. Parent night on February 23rd 530-630 at Green Elementary. Instruction starts prior to Spring break.
- iii. Shared that the 7th-8th-grade Michigan Model curriculum review is completed. Thanked SEAB members and educators who participated in the review. The next step is for the SEAB to (via action item later in the agenda) make a formal recommendation to the BOE. There is still time for the updated unit materials to be in place before 7th- and 8th-grade classroom instruction near the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- iv. SEAB members asked whether ELPS could assess the new guest speakers via a student survey. Discussion about the difference between surveying students about presenters, vs. evaluating the instruction. Anne and Assistant Superintendent Mark Dobson will respond to SEAB questions next month.

- b. Data and Evaluation Committee Report (Heather Marlow/Andrea Kelley/Jonathan Gold/Megan Maas)
 - i. The Parent/Community survey has been drafted, but has not moved forward yet. Anne will bring an update on the survey action to the SEAB in February.
 - ii. Discussion of the implications of a student survey, noting that some changes to regulations require advanced notice of student surveys and the publication of student survey questions. Anne will check with Eaton RESA for recommendations on student surveys or coordinate with the School Wellness Coordinator to see if there are already plans for student surveys that could incorporate questions about sexual health education. SEAB discussed the value of student perspectives for those who take sex ed and those who don't, particularly at the high school level. Anne will check the regulations and the ability to broadly survey students on sexual health education beyond those participating in Sex Education.

- c. Community Education Committee Report (Karessa Wheeler/Bridget Burns)
 - i. The February parents meeting for 7th-8th Grade proposed Michigan Model updates. SEAB members Bridget and Karessa would help out. The meeting will be scheduled between the first and second BOE meetings so it can be announced at the BOE meeting, and community feedback can be provided to the BOE at their second meeting.
 - ii. Anne shared an update on adding the SEAB resources to the district webpage. Working with ELPS admin staff to get parent resources, SEAB application links, etc added.
 - iii. Planning a spring community lecture with Megan. Karessa will reach out to Megan about the topic - whether it was Pop Porn topic again or a different issue to be determined.

- d. Curriculum Committee Report (Danny Hearit, Asmau Ayub, Chad O'Neil, Melissa Fore)
 - i. Reviewed 7-8th Grade Updated Curriculum Review of Michigan Model Growing Up and Staying Healthy (HIV/STI education). The updates were positively received by the reviewing educator.
 - ii. Anne (Sex Ed Supervisor) provided an overview of the updated Michigan Model 7th-8th grade HIV/STI unit:
 - 1. The East Lansing Public Schools (ELPS) currently uses the *Michigan Model for Health* as its primary HIV prevention curriculum in upper-middle school science classrooms (grades 7-8). In August 2025, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) updated the Michigan Model for Health to align with Michigan's current HIV education standards. The 7th-8th-grade *HIV and Other STIs* unit was revised and condensed to include only three lessons required to meet Michigan's HIV and STI education mandates, with content outside the scope of HIV/STI prevention incorporated into the Michigan

Model's Social and Emotional Health Unit. In addition, the Michigan Department of Education has shifted to an all-digital format, making lesson content and supporting materials easier for educators to access and implement. Michigan Model offers HIV/STI curriculum in two versions, abstinence-based and abstinence-only. (ELPS's sex education program is an abstinence-based program.)

- iii. SEAB discussed the opportunities to organize the three HIV/STI lessons, in combination with the newly approved guest presentation on consent, into the curriculum plan. The board also discussed the merits of retaining the outdated four lessons to maintain some healthy relationship education at the 7th- and 8th-grade levels. A student SEAB member voiced support for having some consent content at least at the 8th-grade level. Assistant Superintendent acknowledged that, for the purposes of the SEAB, the role is to determine if the proposed lessons should be recommended for Board Approval. The details of how lessons and guest speakers are organized can be finalized following approval.
- iv. Motion by Jonathan Gold that the ELPS SEAB recommend that the ELPS Board of Education consider adopting the Michigan Model Updated HIV/STI Curriculum and Update Grade-Level Materials for 7th and 8th Grade. Karessa seconded. Approved unanimously.

6) Unfinished Business

7) New Business

8) Announcements

- a. Next meeting Feb. 19, 2026.

11) Adjournment

Melissa motioned, Heather seconded. Adjourned 7:48 p.m.