

Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting

Board Meeting Room, East Lansing High School

November 18, 2021

- 1) **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Diane Tuinstra at 6:36 PM
- 2) **Membership Roll Call.** Members present: Mary Ellen Vrbanac, Diane Tuinstra, Amy Bigman, Danny Hearit, Seth Eckel, Steve Kwasnik, Morgan Doherty, Anne Scott, Jonathan Gold, Sara Smith, Melissa Fore
- 3) **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda without any changes was made by Danny Hearit and seconded by Steve Kwasnik. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **Public Comment:**
 - a. No public comment.
- 5) **Presentations/Committee Reports**
 - a. **Sex Ed Director Report**
 1. Mary Ellen Vrbanac met with Sara Smith and transferred materials as we transition to a new Sex Ed Director.
 2. Curriculum Lead - Discussed teacher leads for curriculum subject matter experts for the Sex Ed Director.
 3. Discussed HIV certification and Silent Crisis (LGTBQ+ youth sex ed) training for the sex ed teachers.
- 8) **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **2021 Puberty: The Wonder Years**
 1. We have an evaluation tool for HIV, STI and sex ed curriculum evaluation.
 2. Discussed having the board divide the work up by grade, with evaluations to be completed by the next meeting once handed out.
 3. Adoption of this curriculum would be for the 2022-2023 school year.
 4. Curriculum outlines on the EL website and the preview of the curriculum would be digital for those evaluating.
 - b. **Intersex Inclusivity Starting in 4th and 5th Grade Curriculum**
 1. "Models not rules" language included in the 2021 Puberty: The Wonder Years curriculum.
 2. Suggested that we avoid evaluating this curriculum until we have reviewed the new curriculum.
 - c. **Michigan Model HIV Videos, 4th and 7/8th Grades**
 1. Viewed the video "HIV and Aids, 4th grade."
 - 1) Reviewed the video. The groups thoughts were neutral.
 - 1) No representation, "othering." More mature than the other videos.
 - 2) The video was factual, but it seemed too technical for 4th grade.
 - 3) The board recommends we do not show this video and accompanying materials at the 4th grade level and forgo introducing HIV and AIDS until 5th grade, or we see if Michigan Model to switch the 5th and 4th grade levels regarding the videos and accompanying materials.

2. Viewed some of the HIV and AIDS video for 7/8th grades called “Understanding HIV and Aids.”
 - 1) Reviewed the video. The groups initial thoughts were mixed/positive.
 - 1) Started a bit corny but ended up being factual and could entertaining from a teen’s perspective.
 - 2) Need to finish the last half of the video.

9) New Business

- a. None proposed for this meeting.

11) Announcements

- a. Next meeting January 20, 2022 6:30 PM.

12) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Amy Bigman and seconded by Steve Kwasnik. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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