

# Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting

## HUB Meeting Room – East Lansing High School

### April 18, 6:30 PM

1. **Call to order.** The meeting was called to order by Melissa Fore at 6:34pm.
2. **Membership Roll Call.** Members present: Heather Marlow, Bridget Burns-King, Melissa Fore, Chad O’Neil, and Jonathan Gold. Staff present: Anne Scott. Guests Present: Andrea Kelly, Sara Last Name Unknown.
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes.**

A motion to approve the previous meetings’ minutes without any changes was made by Jonathan Gold, and seconded by Chad O’Neil.
4. **Approval/Additions to the Agenda.**

A motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with removal of item 9.a “Review of 2-Year SEAB Report” was made by Bridget Burns-King and seconded by Heather Marlow. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Public Comment.**
  - a. Sara Last Name unknown. She /her. Researcher of MPHI and resident of East Lansing. Previously worked with the Michigan Department of Sexual Violence Prevention and is interested in serving on the ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board.
  - b. Andrea Kelly. They/them. Postdoc fellow at MSU Lyman Briggs, transitioning to an assistant professor in the fall of 2024. Has a PhD in sociology and previously worked as a social worker, a sex educator primarily at the high school level, and a counselor in adolescent clinics. They are a parent in East Lansing district (2nd grader at Donely and Kindergartener at Red Cedar Preschool) and interested in serving on the ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board.
6. **Guest Speaker: MOASH**

Presenters: Katie Demmer and James Tupplo of MOASH (Michigan Organization of Adolescent Sexual Health). Spoke on LGBTQIA education offerings from MOASH for consideration as a guest speaker. MOASH does not typically provide sex education directly to youth but recommended “Include” through Planned Parenthood (although it may include content unallowable in school-based settings), and LIFT (Linking Families and Teens). MOASH offers presentations and training on creating protective environments for LGBTQIA students as a professional development opportunity for educators, approaching educator training with an open intent to give space for growth and change. MOASH can also help identify and recommend materials or educational resources. MOASH also coordinates Youth Advisory Councils around various perspectives. The Youth Advisory Councils are very independent entities but can help promote youth engagement with other organizations, such as SEABs. One of the MOASH YAC members (Napur) was one of the MSU students who helped hold the student-led sexual health conference on campus the other week and might be a good local resource. MOASH has a sliding fee and is willing to work with any organization's budget.

Discussion: SEAB members discussed that MOASH may be a partner for professional development training for educators to create a more inclusive LGBTQIA environment. MOASH has some toolkits that may also be useful for ELPS. Anne mentioned that there could be opportunities to work in professional development in the 2024-25 school year if we work well in advance, and she will follow up with Glenn Mitcham. MOASH may also be a potential guest speaker for a future parent education event.

## **7. Presentation Committee Report**

### **a. Sex Ed Director Report. Provided by Anne Scott**

- i. Sex Education Parent Notification and Review - 7th & 8th grade parent night will be held 5/7/24 at MMS 6-7pm. Final Parent night of year.
- ii. Met with 7th -8th Grade Science Teachers on 4/9/24 for feedback on current materials.
- iii. Exploring electronic tools, such as using e-survey platforms for parent notifications and responses, to centralize the collection of student opt-out data and support educators and administrative staff in managing parent nights, opt-outs, and accessing approved materials.
- iv. The SEAB parent night event on 3/13/2024 featured our own Dr. Megan Maas presenting on "How to talk to your kids about pornography." About 40 attendees attended, and we received great feedback and appreciation.
- v. Preparing district Sex Education report for May or September SEAB meeting. MiPHY data is being updated, and collecting pre-post data from our grade-level education delivery.
- vi. 4th Grade Video replacement - Recommended [Always Changing and Growing Up - Co-ed Puberty Education](#) has had its first hearing at the ELPS School Board Meeting on 4/8/24. The second hearing and approval will be at the next May ELPS School Board Meeting.
- vii. Assess educator receptivity to exploring the new curriculum (Rights, Respect, and Responsibility) as a possible replacement curriculum for 7th—12th Grade. So far, educators seem very supportive and would value having an up-to-date and comprehensive curriculum.
- viii. Discussion: SEAB members asked about trends in parent opt-outs, or what is known about reasons parents opt-out their children from sex education. Jonathan Gold recommended adding a question to the opt out notification/opt out to provide a place for parents an option to provide their reasons for withdrawing. SEAB is interested in opt-out data to understand if there are specific demographics of students not being served, and exploring ways to bring more diverse perspectives to the SEAB. There is interest in beginning the curriculum review process for 3Rs over the summer.

## **8. Unfinished Business**

- a. **Parent Information Event: Technology, Pornography and Kids with Megan Maas Recap.** Tabled for May meeting.
- b. **Subcommittee Reports.** Tabled for May meeting.

## **9. New Business**

- a. We need a New Co-Chair for the 2024-2025 School Year. Nominations will be collected by email. Anne Scott will notify any members due to renew their service term and requested that any members who do not plan to continue service in 2024-25 notify her in advance of the May meeting.

## **10. Announcements**

- a. Next Meeting: May 16th, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

## **11. Adjournment.** Melissa Fore adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.