



SHAC Meeting Notes

May 17, 2023

Cheryl Manchester opens the meeting.

Darci Burchers, Science teacher from Tivy High School to give curriculum update on Human Sexuality Curriculum

Burchers shared that 93 percent of students opted in this year

Wade Ivy jumps in with story from another district where no students opted-in to the curriculum

It was not easy to get that high percentage for opting in, Ivy shares.

Curriculum is for 9th and 10th grade biology students

Students responded well, feedback was that they had heard this before in middle school

Always surprised by how many students don't understand anatomy and how pregnancy happens

Those not opting-in received an alternative assignment to explore and learn more about other body systems

Burchers suggested having a cutoff date to accept permission slips so teachers can better plan for students who can not be included

Kids were surprised there was no video to watch

Also surprised that girls and boys were together, but it was a non-issue

Tivy teachers built their own presentation from the materials

One day talked about STIs and pregnancy prevention

Day two: anatomy and pregnancy

Day three: laws and sexual harassment

Question about anatomy class: it is an optional class for juniors and seniors

Sexual harassment talk: age of consent, definition of harassment, important about how it is perceived by the person, who to talk to, what to document

Manchester shared numbers from HPMS

638 students opted-in

6th grade: 622

7th grade: 208

8th grade: 208

6th & 7th grade was in health and athletics classes, 8th in Science class

Heather Engstrom shares info from elementary level

This was the first year elementary campuses saw students opt-out

Approximately 40 elementary students opted out across the district

Question about including this letter in a checklist of forms for parents to fill out and submit at the beginning of the school year

Engstrom responds that the district is working on this, but waiting for legislature finalization on wording of letter

Engstrom shares that there were parents who viewed the elementary videos before turning in form, videos are available on YouTube

Engstrom asks what else can the district do to help teachers with this:

Burchers: video component for students, they just didn't want the teacher to talk about it

Just in the biology class, which is required for all students

Manchester expresses appreciation for those who served this year and adjourns meeting.