

All District Parent Meeting  
May 1, 2019

TOPIC: "Making Healthy Decisions: Related to Sexuality and Boundaries"

Mr. Kelly introduced himself and explained the background of the group and topics that have been discussed and future topics.

Introductions were conducted.

Additional Information: The Grays Harbor Prosecutor's Office will be hosting a parent night at Aberdeen High School, May 16<sup>th</sup> to talk about personal and legal risks and ramifications of taking and sharing explicit photos/videos. This is the same topic we discussed at our last meeting, "Social Media and Cyber Security"

Libby Meador, School Nurse and Rettai Bruni, Mental Health & Wellness Coordinator did a presentation on Making Healthy Decisions: Related to Sexuality and Boundaries.

No matter what our personal feelings are on this subject, one of the challenges is that our students don't have access to health care that in larger urban areas there are.

HB 1407 will require schools to provide Comprehensive Sexual Health Education if passed.

Studies of Comprehensive Sexual Health Education programs have demonstrated:

- Statistically significant decline in teen pregnancy, HIV, and other sexually transmitted infections.
- Significant delay in the timing of first sex
- Reduction in the frequency of sex, including a return to abstinence
- Reduction in the number of sexual partners
- Reduction in unprotected sex with increased use of condoms and other methods of birth control

3Rs – Respect, Responsibility, Rights

Stories of personal experiences were shared and questions were asked. Many people volunteered to support the school district by either being on committees, offering services, or talking to students.

We need a committee to research options available that could develop the program/policies that will support Comprehensive Sexual Health Education. We need something in place even if HB 1407 doesn't pass.

The student participant shared that she had a discussion with one of the vice-principals the possibility of having an assembly to discuss these topics, because she can see that this discussion is needed in this school.

Hopefully this meeting has helped us figure out how to interact with our students to discuss these topics.

Mr. Kelly said that we will probably form the committee in the fall that will gather the information to present to the Board.

Next meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>.