

**Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board
Okemos Public Schools
4406 N. Okemos Rd, Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board was called to order by President Martha Nokken at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Hannah Alstrom, Sabrina Avripas, Stephanie Gosha, Jessica Hamel, Courtney Isanhart, Sheree Jungwirth, Denise Nelson, Martha Nokken, Dori Pynnonen Hopkins, Kristin Rosenbrook, and Dorian Rotta.

Members Absent: Sondos Al-Hachim, Faith Crandell, Stephanie Naywn, Harshita Rajaram, Andre Ridley, Joseph Schmidt, and Lauren Schefke.

Administration: Stacy Bailey, Jill Dehlin, Sara Roland, and Lara Slee.

MOVED by Denise Nelson, SUPPORTED by Jessica Hamel, that the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2023.

AYE: 14 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 7 **MOTION CARRIED**

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey reported on behalf of the elementary buildings. Bennett Woods Principal Lauren Schefke will be our new elementary administrator representative on the board. Hiawatha Principal Joseph Corr is also interested in participating on the board should additional representatives be needed. Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin discussed that with elementary lessons starting in the spring, this board will need to review the revised curriculum for 4th grade. This curriculum was approved by the School Board in June.

Assistant Principal Sara Roland reported on behalf of Kinawa 5/6 School. Reproductive health lessons will begin very soon with the first group of students taking physical education at the start of the new trimester. Physical education teachers have been working with Jill Dehlin on a new curriculum to share with students. As a reminder, parents may opt-out students for either the entire curriculum or lesson by lesson if they choose.

Physical Education Teacher Sheree Jungwirth discussed reproductive health lessons to be taught in the spring. Classes are taught by gender as well as in a group as a whole and students are allowed to participate wherever they feel most comfortable.

There is no report for Okemos High School.

Program Specialist Kristin Rosenbrook reported on behalf of Special Education. Historically, special education teachers have taught lessons in the spring to align with general education classes. Teachers have been finding that the current lessons are not appropriate for their student population and are looking at incorporating new lessons in the future. Member Jessica Hamel suggested a curriculum called Elevatus, which is a curriculum designed for students with disabilities.

Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey reviewed and discussed the results of the parent survey that was sent in August. For the question pertaining to 'New Life', question #13, there was an overwhelming response of yes, that parents are comfortable with teachers sharing a simple, age-appropriate answer if asked that question.

Approval of Minutes

School Reports

Old Business:
Review Results of Parent Survey

MOVED by Denise Nelson, SUPPORTED by Courtney Isanhart, that the New Life lesson be included in the 4th grade curriculum.

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Physical Education Teacher Sheree Jungwirth commented that there is quite a bit of repetition within some of the lessons and the digital question box can often times take an entire class period to get through. An update is needed to question #5 on the post-test. Currently the correct answer is showing as ‘kissing’, however, the correct answer is supposed to be ‘abstinence’. Students are interested in learning more about relationships and how to remove themselves from an unsafe situation. Sheree suggested possibly working with Victory Martial Arts to teach some basic self-defense lessons to students in physical education classes.

ASPIRE Director Lhauren Singleton presented information on her organization, and what they provide to our students. Student Representative Dorian Rotta shared some ideas for a story that high school students would benefit from. Students are very interested in hearing about how to recognize uncomfortable and potentially dangerous relationship situations along with some tactics that can be used to help a person escape a situation discreetly. Member Courtney Isanhart asked if our curriculum offers a lesson on early signs of human trafficking, and we currently do not have that available. Assistant Superintendent Stacy Bailey mentioned that Okemos High School offered a presentation from the FBI called Sextortion, which touched on the subject. Mrs. Bailey will work with our Director of Safety & Security to come up with additional options. Lastly, the board reviewed ‘Hannah’s Story’ from ASPIRE.

MOVED by Jessica Hamel, SUPPORTED by Dori Pynnonen Hopkins, that board approve Hannah’s Story for use in high school reproductive health curriculum.

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Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin presented an alternative STI video entitled “ABCs of STDs”.

MOVED by Lara Slee, SUPPORTED by Jessica Hamel, that the board approve the video “ABCs of STDs.”

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Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin presented a video entitled “Always Changing – Boys”. This has been tabled until the next meeting.

Goals for the 2023-24 school year include focusing on special education and high school curriculum.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Discuss Needs of Chippewa

New Business: ASPIRE

View Alternative STI Video, ABCs of STDs

View Grade 4 Video, Always Changing - Boys

Goals for the year 2023-2024

Meeting Adjournment