

**PHASE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**

Members Present: Rabbi Amy Bigman, Michele Borgialli, Bob Bullock, Jill Dehlin, Melissa Eades, Stephanie Fleming, Tami Hiser, Susanna Joy, Melissa Ortiz, Heather Paris, Stacey Tanay, and John Hood

Members Absent: Jessica Bermejo, Meta Kreiner, Brett Meteyer, Emma Pipper and Alec Thornberg

Call to Order/Welcome/New Members: President Michele Borgialli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on September 29, 2016 and welcomed all.

1. Read/Approve Minutes From the Last Meeting (March 10, 2016)

- a. Rabbi Amy Bigman motioned that the March 10, 2016 minutes be approved with the change to item 4k, the word “sue” to “use”. Heather Paris seconded the motion. ***The minutes from the March 10, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.***
- b. The board discussed meeting duration and frequency for 2016-17. Jill Dehlin proposed four additional meetings throughout the school year. The board recommended meeting every other month on Tuesdays or Thursdays as Wednesdays did not work for many. It was asked that Stacey Molenda send a Doodle Survey to the group with our next meeting being in November.
- c. Election of a VP: Stephanie Fleming motioned and nominated Stacey Tanay for Vice President of the PHASE Advisory Board. Susanna Joy seconded the motion. ***The nomination of Stacey Tanay as Vice President was unanimously approved and Stacey accepted.***

2. School Reports

- a. Elementary – One new 4th grade teacher to be trained at Eaton Intermediate School District. 4th grade teachers attend a day and a half training in addition to having an in-service with Jill Dehlin.
- b. Kinawa - No reports
- c. Chippewa - No reports
- d. High School – The board discussed the possible influx of high school students now taking Health class since the State of Michigan mandates it be taken once again. Melissa Eades, Assistant Principal of OHS commented that many students were now taking Health class with Michigan Virtual University (MVU). The class through MVU is National Collegiate Athletic Association accredited and meets all standards and requirements. Jill Dehlin offered to make contact with MVU to possibly obtain copies of the lessons taught and/or the syllabus for the course.
- e. Special Education – No reports

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3. Old Business

a. Kinawa 4/5/6 Curriculum Changes - Call for Vote

Upon reviewing the Puberty: The Wonder Years, the sub-committee which consisted of Michele Borgialli, Heather Paris and Jill Dehlin, came upon a new curriculum called the Three R's: Rights, Respect, Responsibility through the Advocates for Youth Organization. The sub-committee suggests the addition of the lessons "Figuring out Friendships" for 4th grade and "What is Love Anyway?" for 5th grade for the current curriculum and taught over the five-day period with possibly combining two lessons into one to make room for the lesson combinations. The sub-committee also reviewed the videos used at these grade levels which consist of one for girls, one for boys and one co-ed video. The Three R's Lessons are free of charge. The board discussed finding a period tracker phone app for girls; however, the board decided against an app but found a website instead that offered a period tracker along with other information that would be beneficial for elementary girls. The reason the phone app was not supported was that it also prominently featured family planning information for the adult woman. It was suggested that we include the website to be used as a resource for teachers, while being cautious that websites could change at any time and should be reviewed annually at the first PHASE meeting of each school year. This new website could be added to the "Websites for Parents" section of the Handbook. Stephanie Fleming suggested adding a disclaimer that states, "Websites are subject to change....last reviewed on XXX date." This will be added to the site. The cost of Puberty: The Wonder Years is about \$70 for each binder. One would need to be purchased for each elementary school as well as one at Kinawa and Chippewa. Stephanie Fleming motioned to approve the 4th, 5th and 6th grade curriculum minus the period tracker website. Stacey Tanay seconded the motion. ***The use of Puberty: The Wonder Years (version 2015-16) at 4th, 5th and 6th grade was unanimously approved.***

- b. Talk Early/Talk Often Parent Program was discussed during the 2015-16 school year. Patty Trelstad and Michele Borgialli attended the TE/TO Program at Eastern High School last year. The board would like to offer this program to parents during the spring of 2017, possibly around Spring Break. The board discussed funding this program which could consist of monies from Counselors, PTO's as well as possibly joining with Haslett Public Schools and East Lansing Public Schools. It was suggested that parents pre-register for the program since there could be a limited number of spots available. Jill Dehlin will speak with Barb Flis from TE/TO to find out how large of a group we should have and to check availability in the spring.

4. New Business

- a. Special Education Sexuality Education – the curriculum was reviewed and approved during the 2015-16 school year so was removed from agenda.

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- b. State Board of Education Superintendent Letter on Gender Inclusion – The board discussed the letter which included information on the federal ruling regarding transgender students and restroom usage. Administrators will be trained on October 15th through Thrun Law Firm. John Hood will discuss this in more detail at the next PHASE meeting.
- c. Call for Work Groups, Self-Assignments, Team Leads and Target Completion Dates -
 - 7th/8th Grade Curriculum Review Team - Susanna Joy, Tami Hiser and Bob Bullock
Target Date - to be determined at the next meeting
 - High School Curriculum Review Team – Melissa Eades, Stephanie Fleming, Stacey Tanay and Jill Dehlin
Target Date - to be determined at the next meeting
- d. Quality Assurance of District Personal/Reproductive Health Programming - Discussion
Jill Dehlin and Michele Borgialli will be working on this within the schools to ensure that what the board approves as programming is what is delivered to the student. It was suggested to offer a virtual video tower instead of physical DVDs to ensure that only the currently approved videos were available to teachers. Melissa Eades suggested utilizing Google Drive or Google Classroom for storage of these items as well. Michelle Borgialli offered to draft a survey for students that assesses their knowledge about the lessons after they are provided by the teachers each day.
- e. Student and Parent Surveys – to be reviewed before the next meeting. John Hood – 4th & 5th grade; Bob Bullock – 6th grade; Heather Paris – 7th grade; Tami Hiser – 8th grade; Stephanie Fleming – 9th grade; and Michele Borgialli – Parent Survey.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 8:43 pm.