

**Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board
Okemos Public Schools
4406 N. Okemos Rd, Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 23, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board was called to order by President Sabrina Avripas at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Sondos Al-Hachim, Sabrina Avripas, Denise Nelson, Stephanie Nawyn, Denise Nelson, Dorian Rotta, Jeff Wonch.

Members Absent: Hannah Alstrom, Faith Crandell, Jessica Hamel, Courtney Isanhart, Sheree Jungwirth, Martha Nokken, Dori Pynnonen Hopkins, Harshita Rajaram, and Kristin Rosenbrook.

Administration: Stacy Bailey, Stephanie Gosha, Andre Ridley, Sara Roland, Lauren Schefke, Joseph Schmidt, and Lara Slee.

Member Sondos Al-Hachim has been recommended for the position of Vice President of the PHASE Advisory Board. The role has been accepted for the 2024-2025 school year.

MOVED by Sabrina Avripas, SUPPORTED by Denise Nelson, that the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2024.

AYE: 13 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 9

Bennett Woods Principal Lauren Schefke reported on behalf of the elementary buildings. Students participated in reproductive health lessons in the same class together this past spring. There was a slight increase in the quantity of students that have been opted out of reproductive health lessons.

Assistant Principal Sara Roland reported on behalf of Kinawa 5/6 School. Students participate in reproductive health lessons during the trimester they have physical education, starting in November. There has not been much of a change in students being opted out of the lessons.

Assistant Principal Andre Ridley reported on behalf of Chippewa Middle School. Chippewa is looking into possibly teaching reproductive health lessons a little earlier in the spring since students are in physical education all year long. Mr. Ridley inquired about lessons on Title IX, however, that information is not currently a part of the curriculum.

Assistant Principal Joseph Schmidt reported on behalf of Okemos High School. Physical Education and Health Teachers Jeff Wonch and Bethany Freeman are looking at updates to the high school curriculum.

Assistant Principal Sara Roland reported on behalf of Special Education. A sub-committee was formed last school year to review reproductive health lessons for the basic classrooms. Many materials have been reviewed and a shared digital folder has been created so information can be placed for a more in-depth review. The sub-committee will reconvene soon to continue their work.

Assistant Principal Sara Roland worked with a sub-committee of staff members to review and audit the current curriculum. The group looked at all the levels, topics and objectives and has organized all the information into a Google Doc for staff to easily access.

Approval of
Minutes

School Reports

Old Business:
High School
Curriculum
Review

The board has already come to an agreement on the definition of “how babies are made.”

It was recommended that one of the videos for 4th grade students needs updating. Elementary Teacher Denise Nelson reviewed videos from the organization AMAZE and deemed them too lengthy and in-depth for this age group. It was suggested to continue to look for more concise videos that are age-appropriate but to continue to use the ones that have already been approved for use. Vice President Dr. Al-Hachim inquired about the cost to potentially create new videos in-house.

The board has received one application for the role of Parent. This application has been shared with the District Parent Council for review and approval and then will be presented to the board of education thereafter for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Updated
Definition of
“How Babies are
Made”

Creating
Resources for
Grade 4

New Business:
Current PHASE
Openings and
Next Steps

Adjournment