

**Human Sexuality Advisory Committee
October 18, 2010, Meeting Minutes**

Present: Cindy Scharns, Mary Jo Andrysiak, Sherri Driscoll, Don Jackson, Michelle Herzing, and Ed terSteege.

Ed terSteege opened the meeting at 1:45 p.m. Given no public comments the regular meeting began immediately. The March 9, 2010, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

New members were introduced. Cindy Scharns is returning to the committee and accepted the parent co-chair leadership position. Michelle Herzing, Middle School Assistant Principal, joined the committee as a school administrator representative. Morgan Lind will be joining the committee at the next meeting as a community representative. Mary Jo Andrysiak will ask Karen Lukowski, School Nurse, to join the committee as a health representative.

Ed terSteege reported that parents of 28 students in grades 4-12 have requested that their children be opted out of any reproductive health program instruction. These students will be given other academic options when their classmates are participating in any reproductive health related instruction. The building principals and those responsible for program instruction in that building have been notified regarding those being opted-out.

The committee previewed a video, "Sex Still Has a Price Tag." The video supports a strong abstinence message. The video presents the following three key themes; 1. The decision to participate in sexual activity or to abstain from sex outside of marriage is a personal one. 2. Sexual activity is a choice, and 3. All choices have consequences.

After the preview and subsequent discussion the committee members unanimously supported that a recommendation be made to the Board of Education to consider adopting the video for use in the 8th Grade Health class. However, before making a final recommendation the committee scheduled two public screenings to gather more input. The public screenings will be held October 26, from 4:30 to 8:30 and November 4, from 5:00 to 6:00 at the Pennfield Middle School Media Center. The announcement to invite the community to preview the video will be published on the Pennfield website...see attachment.

After the public screenings, if the committee determines that the video should still be considered for adoption consideration by the Board of Education, they will present at the November 15, Board meeting.

In order to allow the individual Board of Education members time to preview the video Tim Everett will send the board members an electronic copy of the video prior to the November 15, meeting. If the Board approves the video, Sherrie Driscoll will be able to use the video yet during the first semester.

It was determined that Cindy Scharns and Mary Jo Andrysiak would meet after the meeting to determine the focus of the committee's work this year and establish meeting dates and times. The general sense was that the focus needs to center on the delivery of program offerings by grade level. As soon as the co-chairs determine a meeting schedule you will be notified.

Ed terSteege will make sure the video, "Life's Greatest Miracle," and the pamphlet, "Sex Education: Rights and Responsibilities in Michigan Law," are placed in the Parent Resource Library, which is housed at the High School Media Center.

Given no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed terSteege, Recording Secretary