

Human Sexuality Advisory Committee
November 10, 2010, Meeting Minutes

Present: Cindy Scharns, Mary Jo Andrysiak, Gary Hall, Karen Lukowski, Stormy Johnson, and Ed terSteege.

Cindy Scharns called the meeting to order at 1:38. Given no public comments the regular meeting began immediately.

Stormy Johnson, 9th grade student, and Karen Lukowski, Calhoun County Health Department Nurse, were introduced as new members on the advisory committee.

The October 18, 2010, meeting minutes were reviewed. Mary Jo Andrysiak moved to accept the minutes as presented. Gary Hall supported the motion and it passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

The committee discussed the outcome of the two public hearings to gather additional input from the community regarding a recommendation to add a video, "Sex Still Has A Price Tag," to the 8th Grade Health class. The feeling was that the video should be presented to the Pennfield Board of Education for review and adoption consideration. Ed terSteege will present the video and answer any questions at the November 15, Board of Education meeting.

Cindy Scharns reported that the committee's primary focus this year will be centered on the 6th grade curriculum. The secondary focus will be on the high school and ways to reinstating program materials.

It was noted that in part with the move of the graduation required Health class from ninth to eighth grade has created a need to review options regarding the delivery of adopted program materials. It was recommended that Cindy Scharns and Mary Jo Andrysiak, Advisory Committee Co-chairs, schedule a meeting with Barry Duckham, High School Principal, to discuss creative ideas and options for the program at the high school. Cindy and Mary Jo will report their findings and recommendations at the January 12, committee meeting.

It was noted that the high school is in compliance with the state mandate regarding HIV/STI instruction. The program materials are being presented in required freshman Biology classes. The teachers were CISD trained last year and are eligible to present the HIV/STI instruction.

Ed terSteege was directed to start a conversation with Michelle Herzing, Assistant Principal at Pennfield Middle, regarding instructional delivery options for the Board adopted 6th grade program. The conversation began last spring with the building principal, but given new staff, the conversation was never finalized in terms of recommendations regarding the sixth grade program. Mrs. Herzing will be contacted with a request that she review options and report back to the committee at their January 12, meeting with preliminary ideas and perhaps recommendations regarding the sixth grade program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2011. The meeting will be held in the High School Conference Room and will begin promptly at 3:00. Please contact Cindy Scharns at branchetc@aol.com or Mary Jo Andrysiak at andryiam@pennfield.net, if you have agenda items and/or are not able to attend the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed terSteege, Recording Secretary