

Human Sexuality Advisory Committee February 8, 2011, Meeting Minutes

Present: Mary Jo Andrysiak, Karen Lukowski, Don Jackson, Sharon Driscoll, Suzanne Allen, and Ed terSteeg.

Ed terSteeg called the meeting to order at 3:00. Given no public comments the regular meeting began immediately.

It was reported that Gary Hall resigned as a Board of Education member. The committee acknowledged his service as a Board of Education representative on the Human Sexuality Advisory Committee.

The November 10, 2010, meeting minutes were reviewed. Mary Jo Andrysiak moved to accept the minutes as presented. Don Jackson supported the motion and it passed by a 6 - 0 vote.

Ed terSteeg shared a report from the Middle School regarding current practice and future options being discussed in terms of addressing the committee's focus on the middle school program; specifically the sixth grade. The committee discussed the information and recommended the following:

- As the Middle School leadership reviews, plans, and recommends potential scheduling and/or course requirements consideration should be given to how Board adopted Human Sexuality curriculum is delivered.
- The Middle School leadership review where and how the Board adopted Second Step: A Violence Prevention Curriculum may be used to support parts of the Middle School (Grades 6-8) Human Sexuality curriculum.
- Information regarding HIV/AIDS/STI should be reviewed in terms of current materials being used and at which grade levels. It was noted that Sharon Driscoll and Michelle Herzing are reviewing a Middle School Michigan Model HIV/STD Curriculum, "Growing Up and Staying Healthy." This could possibly provide new materials, if approved by the Board of Education, for use at the Middle School.
- The committee suggested that the Middle School leadership review content being taught in core Science classes and determine, if there is any instruction regarding Human Anatomy and/or the reproductive system that could that be taught by a middle school teacher with a Biology, Integrated Science, or Science endorsement. This may provide another option regarding the delivery of Human Sexuality curriculum.
- The committee supported the notion that the Middle School leadership presented regarding looking for future teaching candidates that have a Health endorsement, which would allow greater flexibility in presenting materials at the various grades in the Middle School. Additionally, the committee supported any planning, which would allow for the efficient use

of current staff either endorsed to teach reproductive health related curriculum or trained to present HIV/AIDS/STI instruction.

- Also, the committee supported the idea that outside agencies such as the County Health Department be contacted regarding the delivery and/or support of certain parts of the Human Sexuality Curriculum, which has been Board approved for students in Grades 6 - 8.

The committee restated that the focus of their work for the balance of this year would be on the middle school; specifically sixth grade. Additionally, they talked about the need to review the current scope and sequence chart and perhaps make adjustments to what is being presented at each grade level.

It reported that Cindy Scharns and Sharon Driscoll will be attending an all-day training at Kent ISD February 9, regarding the following: "What About the Boys? - Teaching About Sexuality Accurately and Effectively with Teen Boys," and "All A-Twitter: Teens, Sex, and Technology." They will report back to the committee at the March 8, meeting.

Cindy Scharns and Ed terSteege registered to take part in free Michigan Department of Education webinars designed for Human Sexuality Advisory Board leaders. On March 3, the topic is Teaching Sex Education - Know the Law!, March 10, the topic is Curricula Selection, and March 16, the topic is The Year Two Report. Cindy and Ed will share the information gathered at the March and April committee meetings.

Ed terSteege talked about the committee developing district program goals for the Human Sexuality program. Part of the reason being that we then have some specific items to evaluate and we have more information for the Year Two Report, which informs the parent community of the progress and attainment of the Human Sexuality program in Pennfield. He will share a model of what the goals may look like and the committee may determine next steps.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 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