

Reproductive Health Advisory Board Meeting

September 26, 2022

3:00-4:30

Agenda and Minutes:

1) Introductions:

- Members attending the meeting introduced themselves, their connection to the district, and their representative role to the reproductive health advisory board.

2) Roles and Responsibilities (Dave Minsker Reviewed):

- Dave Minsker reviewed the role of Advisory Board: 1) Establish programs goals for pupil knowledge and skills likely to reduce the rates of sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases. 2) Review curriculum, instruction and materials used. 3) Evaluate the program goal of how pupil knowledge and skills our students learn will reduce sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases.
- Dave Minsker reviewed the responsibilities of Advisory Board: 1) Attend Advisory Board meetings when possible. 2) Seek information on the current curriculum to make informed decisions. 3) Be advocates of the district and reproductive health program. 4) Share ideas and work collaboratively with the advisory board toward healthy sexual development of our youth and reducing sexual risk behaviors. 5) Support public hearings if there are any proposed changes to the program. 6) Respect the decisions of the Advisory Board.

3) Review of Michigan Reproductive Health Education Standards: Each member received a copy of the Michigan Department of Education health and reproductive health mandated standards. The committee reviewed the reproductive health strands and the standards that need to be included in our curriculum.

4) John VanGoethem presented and reviewed the current 5th grade reproductive health curriculum and outline. He reviewed the power point presentation

students will see, parent communication documents, and timelines when it is covered. John indicated that only a few parents have opted out of the reproductive health unit in the years he has been teaching the curriculum. Parents are given everything their child will be presented before the teaching of the unit. Advisory Board members asked clarifying questions. After the review of the current curriculum the Advisory Board did not recommend any changes at this time.

5) Patti Roberts presented and reviewed the current 7th grade reproductive health curriculum. She reviewed the outline of the topics presented to students and the textbook used as a resource. Patti reviewed the parent communication and waiver document. She indicated that only a couple parents opted out of the unit in the years she has been teaching the current curriculum. Advisory Board members asked clarifying questions. After the review of the current curriculum the Advisory Board did not recommend any changes at this time.

6) Carrie Ojibway and Jen Church presented and reviewed the current 9th grade reproductive health curriculum. They walked the committee through the powerpoint presentation shown to students and the parent communication. Carrie and Jen also walked through the powerpoint of the presentation by presenters from LACASA of healthy relationships and smart dating. The committee felt that this was critical for students to learn about what healthy and unhealthy relationships look and feel like. Advisory Board members asked clarifying questions. The committee agreed to review at a future meeting LACASA presentations for 5th and 7th grades on healthy relationships to see if there would be a benefit. After the review of the current curriculum the Advisory Board did not recommend any changes at this time.

7) The committee looked at the goal of the reproductive health program and determined the current curriculum did a good job helping reduce the rates of sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases, while doing it in a way that fits the culture and ideals of our community. It was agreed that the Advisory Board does not recommend any revisions to the current reproductive health curriculum, presentations, resources or materials.

8) Meeting was adjourned with the next scheduled meeting to occur in the fall of the 2024 school year.