

## Sex Education Advisory Board Minutes

Date: December 4, 2023	Time: 5:30 p.m.	Location: HPS Administration Building
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1. Call to Order

Ami Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:30  
 Motion by Dr. Cornelius  
 supported by Chris Marsh  
 Motion Carried

2. Membership Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent		Name	Present	Absent
Cyndy Fischer	x			Kristyn Bomberg	x	
Abby Holland		x		Kelly Burri	x	
Brad Beimers	x			Dr. Tara Cornelius	x	
Holly VanNoord	x			Dr. Dawn DeWitt	x	
Becky Dawson		x		Cynthia Edwards	x	
Katie VandenHeuvel	x			Christopher Marsh	x	
Ryan Crete	x			Jeremy Kreuze	x	
Laurie Kooienga	x			Jason VanAssen		x
Joel Olson	x			Carissa Woodwyk	x	
Kaylee Voetberg	x			Paxton Brechting	x	
Ami Taylor	x			Jayden Randall		x
MacKenzie Stefanich	x			Cassie Reece	x	

3. Comments from the Public (3 minutes per person)

The following people addressed the board:

- No comments

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes ([September 12, 2023](#))

Motion by Joel Olson  
 supported by Laurie Kooienga

to approve the September 12, 2023 meeting minutes.  
Motion Carried

5. Approval of the Agenda and Additions to the Agenda  
Motion by Dr. Tara Cornelius  
supported by Jeremy Krueze  
To approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried

6. Presentation/Information

- 2023 Parent Sex Education Survey (Michigan Department of Education)
  - Each table has protocol (Notice, Wonder, Wish) with a packet of HPS Sex Education Survey Responses, then and how with 2018 and 2023 data.
  - Groups are assigned page numbers in packet, and are given 8 minutes to record Notice, Wonder, Wish on the document
  - Each table reported out their Noticings, Wonderings, and Wishes for the greater group. These reports can be found on the protocol pages that were turned in from each group.
    - Group 1: Noticing trends are similar between the two years and wondering about the changes between the years and why
    - Group 2: Noticing the large increase in responses in 2023 from parents. Majority of parents do want this education to occur in school. Grade level and timing aligns with where we have it in our current curriculum. Percentage of “not in school” responses did increase, but overall desire is in the majority that it should be taught in schools. Wondered about what this data might look like in “like districts” of our size and demographic. Discussion also went to what increased education for families might look like in order to share exactly what is taught at each level.
    - Group 3: Surprised that less people wanted healthy dating relationships to be taught in school, however, more people wanted this taught in elementary school. Wish: What percentage of families responded within the response numbers. Wondering about adoption and safe delivery of newborns and how that seemed the highest number of people not wanting this taught in schools, and then wondering about whether stakeholders know the definition of safe delivery. (Additional conversation about how our website might provide families with more information about the “what” and “when” we teach things at HPS)
    - Group 4: 91% of parents said they wanted their children to participate, but teachers at the table felt like it was more at 99% in their experience. Notice all the other percentages went up, but wondered if that was due to the larger number of families participating in the

survey. Wished there was comparative data for consent for HS and MS. Wondering how much parents know about the curriculum as they answer the questions, or if they are unaware.

- Group 5: Noticed only 10% of parents wanted HIV and STI taught in elementary school. Wondered if we had such a high “not in school” percentage for gender and sexual orientation based on the number of subcategories in both of those questions, especially because these were some of the higher numbers in the survey. Also wondering about what the students would say as their answer for this survey. Also wondered about reframing how “Sex-ed” is presented for parents as they consider whether or not to opt in or out of elementary puberty lessons.

## 7. Items Requiring Action by the Board

- 5th grade Puberty Video Update Recommendation
  - Joel Olson shared that the team of 5th grade teachers received resources from the OAISD, and they narrowed down to three most appropriate videos. From here, the teachers narrowed it down to these videos. The version shared with the SEAB was an updated version (2000s publication rather than the 1980s), with age appropriate scripts that are almost identical between the male and female videos.
  - Fifth grade teacher outlined the process of watching the videos and responding to student questions
  - Some questions were asked about the 4-5 video and the 4-8 video, and the response was that the 4-5 video was much more age appropriate for students
  - A concern was lifted around the videos having an introduction to reproduction, and a teacher shared that 5th grade does have introduction to reproduction standards
  - A question was raised about considering having girls and boys learn about both genders instead of just the one. Discussion around 5th grade being just an introductory opportunity
  - A proposal was made that should we make a motion to recommend part one today, might we consider making a motion to also recommend part 2 if it is also in alignment with our objectives as well.
  - Additional discussion was had for families of students who may not have reproductive body parts that match their gender, and how to navigate this for trans-gender students, with the additional comment that some parents in these situations might opt out and choose to handle this conversation at the home level.
- Motion by Ryan Crete  
To approve for recommendation to the HPS school board to update a 5th grade puberty video, “part 1” A Girls Journey and Part 1: Boys Journey, supported by Laurie Kooienga

Roll Call Vote:

Name	Yes	No		Name	Yes	No
Cyndy Fischer	x			Kristyn Bomberg	x	
Abby Holland	Absent	Absent		Kelly Burri	x	
Brad Beimers	x			Dr. Tara Cornelius	x	
Holly VanNoord	x			Dr. Dawn DeWitt	x	
Becky Dawson	Absent	Absent		Cynthia Edwards	x	
Katie VandenHeuvel	x			Christopher Marsh	x	
Ryan Crete	x			Jeremy Kreuze	x	
Laurie Kooienga	x			Jason VanAssen	Absent	Absent
Joel Olson	x			Carissa Woodwyk	x	
Kaylee Voetberg	x			Paxton Brechting	x	
Ami Taylor	non-voting			Jayden Randall	Absent	Absent
MacKenzie Stefanich	non-voting			Cassie Reece	x	

Motion Carries

8. Announcements

a. 2023-2024 School Year Meetings (Second Tuesday of the month)

- i. ~~September 12, 2023~~ ~~6:00-7:30 p.m.~~
- ii. ~~December 4, 2023~~ ~~5:30-6:30 p.m.~~
- iii. February 20, 2024 6:00-7:00 p.m.\*Third Tuesday
- iv. May 14, 2024 6:00-7:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment at 6:36

Motion by Joel Olson  
Supported by Ryan Crete  
To adjourn the meeting  
Motion carried