

**Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board
Okemos Public Schools – via Zoom
Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board was called to order by President Melanie Jacobs at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Pauline Ashton, Stephanie Fleming, Jessica Hamel, Lindiwe Helm, Tami Hiser, Melanie Jacobs, Nicole McGuire, Brett Meteyer, Liz Miller, Denise Nelson, and Stephanie Shafer.

Members Absent: Sondos Al-Hachim, Saisandesh Ballem, George Carter, Sue Hallman, Sheree Jungwirth, Lilly Korupczynski, Terrie Malinak and Andre Ridley.

Administration: Stacy Bailey, Andrea Hallead, and Sara Roland.

MOVED by Denise Nelson, SUPPORTED by Stephanie Fleming, that the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2021.

AYE: 13 NAY: 0 ABSENT: 8 **MOTION CARRIED**

There is no report for the elementary schools.

Kinawa Assistant Principal Sara Roland reported on behalf of Kinawa 5/6 School. Sara discussed that reproductive health lessons have begun for 5th and 6th grade students within their physical education classes.

Chippewa Middle School Physical Education Teacher Sheree Jungwirth communicated to the board prior to this meeting that all physical education teachers have completed teaching all health lessons for the term.

Assistant Principal Andrea Hallead reported on behalf of Okemos High School. Andrea reported that the reproductive health lessons have been going very smoothly throughout the first semester and will be taught again in a similar fashion towards the end of the second semester. Andrea met with physical education teacher Debby Mitchell regarding presentation slides on the subject of abortion imbedded in the high school reproductive health curriculum. Andrea has confirmed with Debby that each of those slides is taught and read to the students verbatim.

There is no report for Special Education.

The PHASE board discussed utilizing the SMART/ASPIRE program for the upcoming school year. President Melanie Jacobs suggested inviting the high school physical education teachers to be a part of these conversations with the board during the next PHASE meeting in May.

Member Jessica Hamel discussed Spark trainings offered by the Adolescent Health Initiative in Michigan. Spark presentations are ready-to-use PowerPoint presentations including a facilitator script and follow-up materials that are designed for providers or staff to deliver in 15-30 minutes at staff meetings or professional development opportunities. Sparks can be facilitated by providers or staff in any role, and are specifically designed to “spark” discussion and reflection among a multidisciplinary audience. Member Tami Hiser discussed the Quest Program through Michigan State University. Quest: Building Capacity for LGBTQA+ Inclusion is the LGBT Resource Center’s core curriculum and is designed to encourage growth and development of ally skills and practices over time by providing a greater variety of educational programs and workshops at varying levels and on specific topics and identities.

Approval of Minutes

School Reports

Old Business
SMART/ASPIRE

PD on Gender Identity for HS Staff

Member Jessica Hamel reached out to our contact Wendy Sellers of Puberty: The Wonder Years regarding virtual adaptations, however, the school district is already using the adaptations that are currently available. Jessica will be looking into synchronous vs. asynchronous videos and activities for students especially options for closed captioning. Wendy Sellers had suggested looking into Amaze videos as supplemental curriculum for our students. Members discussed concern regarding virtual usage of the “question box” after lessons are taught.

There are four memberships within the PHASE Advisory Board that will expire at the end of this school year: Health Professional, At-Large x2 and Clergy. Executive Assistant Stacey Molenda will email a copy of the PHASE board application to the group when the previous meeting minutes are sent for those that wish to reapply. Membership openings will be posted on the Okemos Public Schools website so that applications can be submitted to the District Parent Council for approval/recommendation before sending to the Board of Education for final approval.

4th – 8th grade curriculum adjustments currently all line up for this year. The 5th grade lesson that was approved for use last school year needs to be added to the PHASE portion of our website. The board will monitor for changes to National or State standards and adjust when updates or changes are made to curriculum. The board will also monitor for updates to curriculum platforms such as Puberty: The Wonder Years.

Adjourn at 8:00 pm

Updates on
Tricks/Tools for
Staff to Teach
Online

New Business:
Membership
Expirations

Curriculum
review (grades
4-5-6)

Adjourn