

Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board
Okemos Public Schools
4406 N. Okemos Rd, Okemos, Michigan 48864
REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Personal Health and Sexuality Education Advisory Board was called to order by President Pauline Ashton at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present: Sondos Al-Hachim, Pauline Ashton, Sabrina Avripas, Faith Crandell, Jessica Hamel, Stephanie Nawyn, Denise Nelson, and Dorian Rotta.

Members Absent: Hannah Alstrom, Reverend Neal Anderson, Nicole Beard, Sheree Jungwirth, Brett Meteyer, Martha Nokken, Harshita Rajaram, Andre Ridley, Sara Roland and Stephanie Shafer.

Administration: Stacy Bailey, Jill Dehlin, Joseph Schmidt and Lara Slee.

MOVED by Jessica Hamel, SUPPORTED by Sondos Al-Hachim, that the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2023.

AYE: 11 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 10 **MOTION CARRIED**

Fourth grade teacher Denise Nelson reported on behalf of the elementary buildings. Reproductive health lessons are beginning in elementary classrooms.

There is no report for Kinawa 5/6 School.

There is no report for Chippewa Middle School.

Assistant Principal Joseph Schmidt reported on behalf of Okemos High School. The high school has completed all reproductive health units for the school year.

Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin reported on behalf of Special Education. Jill met with Kinawa 5/6 teacher Stefanie Solce regarding the lessons for students with special needs. They have discovered that the current lessons are not adaptive enough for students with special needs and plan to work with member Jessica Hamel on some materials and information.

Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin discussed the proposed curriculum updates for 4th grade using Puberty: The Wonder Years. The board discussed the topic of gender within the Puberty: The Wonder Years curriculum where some students prefer to receive lessons that support the gender they identify with as opposed to their gender identified at birth. The board discussed reviewing the upcoming parent survey results regarding this topic and considered input regarding mixed gender classes. The site www.amaze.org has videos available that the board should review in the future.

MOVED by Lara Slee, SUPPORTED by Joseph Schmidt, that the board approve the curriculum updates with Puberty: The Wonder Years for grade 4.

AYE: 13 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 10 **MOTION CARRIED**
(Kinawa 5/6 Assistant Principal Sara Roland and Hiawatha Principal Nicole Beard voted yes via e-mail. They were not in attendance at the meeting.)

Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin discussed the proposed curriculum updates for 5th grade using Puberty: The Wonder Years. The board discussed that they would like to see a lesson included on condom use in the future.

Approval of Minutes

School Reports

Old Business:

MOVED by Sondos Al-Hachim, SUPPORTED by Jessica Hamel, that the board approve the curriculum updates with Puberty: The Wonder Years for grade 5.

AYE: 13 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 10 **MOTION CARRIED**

(Kinawa 5/6 Assistant Principal Sara Roland and Hiawatha Principal Nicole Beard voted yes via e-mail. They were not in attendance at the meeting.)

Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin discussed the proposed curriculum updates for 6th grade using Puberty: The Wonder Years. The board discussed making sure any stigmatizing language is removed from lessons. For example, using STI as opposed to STD, so that it aligns with the language used by the CDC.

MOVED by Stephanie Nawyn, SUPPORTED by Denise Nelson, that the board approve the curriculum updates with Puberty: The Wonder Years for grade 6.

AYE: 13 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 10 **MOTION CARRIED**

(Kinawa 5/6 Assistant Principal Sara Roland and Hiawatha Principal Nicole Beard voted yes via e-mail. They were not in attendance at the meeting.)

Reproductive Health Supervisor Jill Dehlin discussed the proposed curriculum updates to New Life, Lesson D. Would like to update to show that there are some differences in how we create life such as certain animals reproduce asexually.

MOVED by Sondos Al-Hachim, SUPPORTED by Jessica Hamel, that the board approve the use of the lesson New Life (Lesson D), contingent upon making the proposed changes.

AYE: 11 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 10 **MOTION CARRIED**

The discussion of proposed curriculum updates for grades 7-8 has been tabled until the next meeting.

The discussion of proposed curriculum updates for special education has been tabled until the next meeting.

The discussion of pre/post test results, included in the Bi-Annual Report, has been tabled until the next meeting.

Member Sabrina Avripas has been nominated as Vice President of the PHASE Advisory Board for the 2023-24 school year.

MOVED by Stephanie Nawyn, SUPPORTED by Jessica Hamel, that the board approve Sabrina Avripas as Vice President of the PHASE Advisory Board for the 2023-24 school year.

AYE: 11 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 10 **MOTION CARRIED**