

**Washoe County School District
Meeting Minutes of the Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility
Education (SHARE) Advisory Committee**

May 9, 2018

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:34 p.m. at Depoali Middle School, Cafeteria, 9300 Wilbur May Pkwy, Reno, NV 89521

1.2 ROLL CALL

Chair Claudia Bessette, and Members, Tiffany Hoffman, Kelly Roper, Victoria Lokke and Brent Brooks were present. Kimberly Jones and Ashley Sonderfan were absent. Staff Liaison Rochelle Proctor was also present.

Lydia DeFlorio and Dariah Scott arrived at 5:37pm.

1.3 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

On motion by Brent Brooks, second by Kelly Roper, the SHARE Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Kelly Roper, Claudia Bessette, Lydia Delflorio, Dariah Scott, Victoria Lokke, and Brent Brooks). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0.

2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2.1 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED JANUARY 17, 2018

The committee reviewed the draft minutes of the last SHARE Advisory Committee meeting dated May 9, 2018. The committee noted several corrections needed to committee member names and motions. Neil Rombardo, WCSD Chief Legal Counsel, suggested a motion be made to continue this discussion at the next meeting due to the many errors and committee members talking over each other. Mr. Rombardo referred to NRS 241.035 as there must be good cause to delay adopting the minutes.

On motion by Victoria Lokke, second by Dariah Scott, the SHARE Advisory Committee moved to delay the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee dated January 17, 2018. (Yea Tiffany Hoffman, Kelly

Roper, Claudia Bessette, Lydia Delflorio, Dariah Scott, Victoria Lokke, and Brent Brooks).
Final Resolution: Motion Carries 7-0.

2.2 DISCUSSION OF THE DEFINITION OF “ABSTINENCE” USED IN THE WCSD SHARE CURRICULUM MATERIALS AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE WCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES POTENTIAL REVISIONS TO THE DEFINITION OF “ABSTINENCE” USED IN THE WCSD SHARE CURRICULUM MATERIALS (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Rochelle Proctor, SHARE Coordinator, shared the current WCSD definition, “Abstinence is postponing or waiting for sexual intercourse until you grow up, fall in love, and form a long-term, faithful, loving relationship.” The definition used by the US Dept. of Health and Human Services reads, “Sexual abstinence is defined as refraining from all forms of sexual activity and genital contact such as vaginal, oral and anal sex.” The definition from HIV.gov is “Abstinence means not having oral, vaginal, or anal sex. An abstinent person is someone who’s never had sex or someone who’s had sex but has decided not to continue having sex for some period of time. Abstinence is the only 100% effective way to prevent HIV, other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and pregnancy.”

There was discussion among the members of key parts of each of the definitions. Concerns noted were; the definition needs to be more accurate and is too value laden, using the terms “love and grown-up,” and using the terms anal, oral and vaginal for the elementary level.

Pastor Brooks shared a definition suggestion. Sexual abstinence is defined as refraining from all forms of sexual activity and genital contact such as vaginal, oral and anal sex. It is a choice that may be based on many reasons; personal, moral, medical, ethical, and/or religious to postpone sexual activity and genital contact until such time as one is able to enter into an adult, faithful, long-term relationship. Abstinence is the only 100% way to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, infections and pregnancy.

On motion by Tiffany Hoffman, second by Lydia Delflorio, the SHARE Advisory Committee moved to change the second sentence of Pastor Brooks abstinence definition suggestion. The motion failed 3-4.

Public comment. Crystal M stated that, “abstinence is the only 100% way to prevent pregnancy, STD, HIV and it needs to be kept in the definition.”

On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Dariah Scott, the SHARE Advisory Committee moved to change the definition of abstinence to read:

Sexual abstinence is defined as refraining from all forms of sexual activity and genital contact such as vaginal, oral and anal sex. An abstinent person is someone who has either never had sex or someone whos had sex but who has decided not to continue having sex

for a period of time. Abstinence is the only 100% effective way to prevent HIV, other sexually transmitted diseases or infections and pregnancy.

With reservation for the lower grade levels and the use of terms vaginal, oral and anal. (Yea Kelly Roper, Dariah Scott, Victoria Lokke, and Brent Brooks. Nay Lydia Delflorio, Claudia Bessette, and Tiffany Hoffman). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 4-3.

2.3 UPDATE ON THE TIMELINE FOR THE APPROVAL BY THE WCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE REVISION OF BOARD POLICY 6140, SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Rochelle Proctor, SHARE Coordinator, Lisa Scurry, WCSD Policy Coordinator, and Deborah Biersdorff, WCSD Chief Academics Officer, presented the progress of the revision of Board Policy 6140, Sexuality Health and Responsibility Education, particularly related to obtaining approval by the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Scurry shared the Policy went before the BOT Policy meeting on May 1, 2018 and the BOT for preliminary approval on May 8, 2018. The policy is currently out for public review and the committee members were encouraged to submit any comments.

Ms. Biersdorff responded to questions from the SHARE Committee. The committee was concerned with some language that was changed after the Committee had made edits to the Policy. Questions were raised about, student permission to attend SHARE lessons being moved to Infinite Campus vs. the paper permission slip of the past. Questions were also raised around "opting out vs opting in" for SHARE participation. Ms. Proctor, SHARE Coordinator, clarified that parents would technically have to either check a yes or no on the student registration with the understanding that all families who marked no or failed to make a choice would be personally contacted by the school to discuss SHARE permission. Ms. Proctor also noted that the Parent Preview Nights would continue as well as schools notifying families of when the SHARE lessons would occur at their sites. Pastor Brooks stated his dissatisfaction with the change of language on page 3 of the policy. Originally it read, "...content" and district personnel suggested a change to "...concepts and topics." Committee discussion also focused on district wide curriculum vs site based curriculum. Ms. Proctor clarified that there would continue to be a district wide curriculum used for SHARE instruction.

Neil Rombardo, Chief Legal Counsel, stated the discussion did not fit the agenda item, Updates of the Time Line for the Approval of the Policy for the WCSD Board of Trustees, not the discussion of the policy.

2.4 UPDATE ON MEETING DATES OF THE WCSD SHARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR (FOR PRESENTATION ONLY)

Rochelle Proctor, SHARE Coordinator, presented the SHARE Committee Meeting Date schedule for the 2018-19 school year: October 10, 2018, January 16, 2019, March 13, 2019, and May 8, 2019.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date and location of the SHARE Advisory Committee is TBD.

3.2 PUBLIC COMMENT

Rayden Sisomphou, asked if the district had curriculum around gender or sexual identity.

Brooke Maylath, expressed her unhappiness with the progress of the WCSD SHARE Committee and the lack of LGBT inclusion in the SHARE curriculum.

3.3 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no more business, Chair Bessette adjourned the meeting at 7:07pm.