

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

January 16, 2019

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

**1.1 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512

**1.2 ROLL CALL**

Chair Claudia Bessette, and Members Kelly Roper, Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, Lydia DeFlorio and Brent Brooks were present. Rochelle Proctor, WCSD staff liaison, was also present.

Note: Victoria Lokke arrived at 5:41 pm.

**2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**2.1 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Kelly Roper submitted comment for the record (see attached). Ms. Roper spoke in opposition of adopting the agenda and expressed concern that the remaining October, 2018 agenda items were not rolled into this agenda.

Pastor Brooks commented that he was in agreement with Ms. Roper and stated he felt the committee did not have input into the curriculum. Dariah Scott commented that the District did not respond to her emails in regards to the SHARE agenda and possible concerns.

Member Lokke arrived at 5:41 p.m.

**On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Lydia DeFlorio, the SHARE Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented** (Yea: Ashley Sonderfan, Claudia Bessette, Tiffany Hoffman, Victoria Lokke and Lydia DeFlorio. Nay: Kelly Roper, Dariah Scott and Brent Brooks). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-3.

## **2.2 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED AUGUST 22, 2018**

There were no suggested changes to the minutes of August 22, 2018.

**On motion by Tiffany Hoffman, second by Dariah Scott, the committee voted to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2018 meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee** (Yea: Ashley Sonderfan, Claudia Bessette, Tiffany Hoffman, Victoria Lokke, Lydia DeFlorio, Kelly Roper, Dariah Scott and Brent Brooks). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0.

## **2.3 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 16, 2018**

Kelly Roper stated for the record that item 2.1 was not as she believed was discussed during the October meeting. Ms. Roper believed that there had been a statement during the October meeting stating any unfinished business would become part of this agenda. Ms. Roper also requested that for item 2.5, the Crisis Pregnancy Center be added as a resource for students along with more resources focused on abstinence. Ms. Roper also stated that on page six of the October minutes; it should not say “the committee” expressed concern, but rather the individuals who did express concern.

Pastor Brooks commented that his objection of the term, “cisgender” and lack of the inclusion of terms “heterosexual and straight” were not reflected in the October minutes

Lydia DeFlorio felt that the October meeting stopped because the committee wanted to see more revisions on the proposed curriculum. Kelly Roper agreed, but added she was not made aware that after the October meeting, that all new lessons would be proposed.

Dariah Scott felt that the lessons that were not discussed in October due to time constraints should have been added to this agenda.

The committee agreed that the October minutes needed to go back for corrections.

**On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Dariah Scott, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee to action to have staff make the noted corrections and have them return at a future meeting.** (Yea: Ashley Sonderfan, Claudia Bessette, Tiffany Hoffman, Victoria Lokke, Lydia DeFlorio, Kelly Roper, Dariah Scott and Brent Brooks). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0.

**2.4 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIR FROM THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (SHARE) ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019: LYDIA DELFLORIO, TIFFANY HOFFMAN, DARIA SCOTT, KELLY ROPER, CLAUDIA BESSETTE, VICTORIA LOKKE, ASHLEY SONDERFAN, BRENT BROOKS**

Pastor Brent Brooks spoke in support of Claudia Besette to continue in the position of Chair for the SHARE committee. Ms. Besette stated that she would be interested in continuing on as Chairperson.

Ashley Sonderfan also expressed interest in running for the committee chair seat.

**Public Comment:**

- Geoff Knell spoke against the LGBTQ community.

**On motion by Dariah Scott, second by Victoria Lokke, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee elected Claudia Besette as Chair of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2019.** (Yea: Claudia Besette, Victoria Lokke, Kelly Roper, Dariah Scott and Brent Brooks. Nay: Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, and Lydia DeFlorio,). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 5-3.

**2.5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT A COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR FROM THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (SHARE) ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019: LYDIA DELFLORIO, TIFFANY HOFFMAN, DARIA SCOTT, KELLY ROPER, CLAUDIA BESSETTE, VICTORIA LOKKE, ASHLEY SONDERFAN, BRENT BROOKS**

Committee member, Ashley Sonderfan, stated she would be interested in continuing on in her role as vice chair. Dariah Scott also stated she would be interested in being considered for the committee Vice Chair.

**Public Comment:**

- Geoff Knell expressed concern about the qualifications of the committee.

Kelly Roper questioned Ashley Sonderfan's attendance from the previous year and whether or not she would be able to attend the meetings. Ashley confirmed that she would be able to attend all the upcoming meetings.

Dariah Scott commented that she has held a committee seat for 4 years, has learned a lot and comes to the meetings without a personal agenda.

**On motion by Brent Brooks, second by Kelly Roper, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee nominated Dariah Scott to become Vice Chair of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2019.** (Yea: Brent Brooks, Kelly Roper, Victoria Lokke, and Dariah Scott. Nay: Claudia Bessette, Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, and Lydia DeFlorio.). Final Resolution: Motion Fails 4-4.

**On motion by Tiffany Hoffman, second by Lydia DeFlorio, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee nominated Ashley Sonderfan to remain Vice Chair of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2019.** (Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Claudia Bessette, Ashley Sonderfan, and Lydia DeFlorio. Nay: Brent Brooks, Kelly Roper, Victoria Lokke, and Dariah Scott.). Final Resolution: Motion Fails 4-4.

**On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Victoria Lokke, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee voted to table the item to select a Vice Chair of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2019 until the open spot on the committee is filled.** (Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Claudia Bessette, Ashley Sonderfan, Lydia DeFlorio, Brent Brooks, Kelly Roper, Victoria Lokke, and Dariah Scott.). Final Resolution: Motion Carries 8-0.

**2.6 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (S.H.A.R.E.) HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND ACCOMPANYING POWERPOINT PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR LESSON ONE, IDENTITY. DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS - SEXUAL ORIENTATION/LGBQ, RELATIONSHIPS, GENDER IDENTITY/TRANSGENDER, GENDER/GENDER ROLES – TO REPLACE THE CURRENT LESSON ONE, REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEMS AND PREGNANCY.**

Staff Liaison, Rochelle Proctor, clarified that based on feedback from the committee, community and district at the last meeting, it was decided to take the previously proposed SHARE curriculum back and in its place present a completely new proposed curriculum. Pastor Brooks expressed that he felt the decision was a district made decision and not based on committee and/or community feedback. Tiffany Hoffman expressed that she felt the proposed curriculum should not move forward.

Ms. Proctor walked the committee through the objectives and activities presented on the PowerPoint of the newly proposed lesson 1.

Pastor Brooks asked a clarifying question in regards to the fact that we were just looking at a skeleton of the proposed curriculum and then wanted to confirm at the following meeting we would be viewing an actual lesson.

Kelly Roper expressed concern about the origins of the lessons. Ms. Proctor responded that Advocates for Youth (AFY) was a source along with other resources; SEICUS, Northern Nevada Hopes, TMCC, Human Development Department of UNR. The goal, as stated by Ms. Proctor was that the movement was away from PowerPoint lessons to more engaging activities. Ms. Roper also expressed her concern that the community spoke in opposition to Advocates for Youth when it was previously presented. Ms. Proctor looked at curriculum that was developmentally appropriate, medically accurate and cost free and clarified that the lessons that would be presented in the future would not be verbatim from the AFY curriculum.

Pastor Brooks inquired about funding and if the BOT were to have funds for a curriculum, would those be a possibility. Pastor Brooks noted that this seems like a very significant restructure of the curriculum. It has moved from reproduction to gender identity/orientation being the first lesson and this is supposed to be an abstinence based curriculum. Ms. Proctor clarified that the curriculum is abstinence and comprehensive sex ed and if we were to omit any subgroup, it would be discrimination.

Some committee member voiced concerns about having to find a free curriculum. While others felt that a free curriculum is not necessarily low quality as long as the curriculum was evidence based, medically accurate and peer reviewed.

Bullying was also expressed as a concern and providing students with inclusive lessons, would also help students who are being bullied due to their identity/orientation.

**2.7 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (S.H.A.R.E.) HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND ACCOMPANYING POWERPOINT PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR LESSON TWO, PUBERTY AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT / PREGNANCY AND REPRODUCTION. DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS - DECISION MAKING, ACCESSING INFORMATION/SUPPORT/RESOURCES, ADVOCACY, AND RELATIONSHIPS – TO REPLACE THE CURRENT LESSON TWO, PREGNANCY CHOICES: ADOPTION, ABORTION, AND TEEN PARENTHOOD.**

Rochelle Proctor went over the proposed objectives and activities for lesson 2.

Concerns about using Advocates for Youth and their student resources were voiced from some of the committee members along with where pregnancy, adoption and abortion would be addressed within the curriculum.

Ms. Proctor reiterated that multiple, reliable resources will be part of the proposed curriculum.

**2.8 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (S.H.A.R.E.) HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND ACCOMPANYING POWERPOINT PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR LESSON THREE, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS. DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS - RELATIONSHIPS; DECISION-MAKING; ADVOCACY; TECH SAFETY – TO REPLACE THE CURRENT LESSON THREE, ABSTINENCE AND REFUSAL SKILLS**

Ms. Proctor reviewed objectives and activities proposed to support the lesson about the responsible use of technology.

Ms. Bessette, speaking as a school counselor, spoke to the importance of teaching about sexting and the law.

It was also noted that Sex Trafficking as a topic had been removed and that presented a concern for some committee members. Ms. Proctor explained to the committee that she had spoken with the head of school counseling to determine how the topic of sex trafficking is covered within the school year. It was felt the topic should be a component of SHARE, but not limited to the confines of the SHARE curriculum. Ms. Proctor explained to the committee that it was a topic that should be more deeply covered in middle school.

**2.9 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (S.H.A.R.E.) HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND ACCOMPANYING POWERPOINT PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR LESSON FOUR, PREGNANCY AND REPRODUCTION / STDS AND HIV. DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS - ABSTINENCE, CONDOMS, BIRTH CONTROL, ASSESSING INFORMATION/SUPPORT/RESOURCES – TO REPLACE THE CURRENT LESSON FOUR, PREVENTING PREGNANCY – BIRTH CONTROL**

Ms. Proctor reviewed objectives and activities proposed to support the lesson.

There was concern from some of the committee in regards to lack of depth of the topic of abstinence.

Ms. Proctor addressed a question around legal options of an unplanned pregnancy. It was noted from a committee member that students will seek out information, but we need to make sure they are seeking out accurate information.

**2.10 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (S.H.A.R.E.) HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND ACCOMPANYING POWERPOINT PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR LESSON FIVE, STDS/HIV. DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS – STD/HIV, ABSTINENCE, CONDOMS, BIRTH CONTROL, TESTING, TRANSMISSION, RESOURCES, AND PROVIDER CARE – TO REPLACE THE CURRENT LESSONS FIVE AND SIX, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND HIV/AIDS**

Ms. Proctor reviewed objectives and activities proposed to support the lesson.

Ms. Proctor clarified for the committee, that the committee's proposed definition of abstinence that was agreed upon by the committee in 17-18, would be referenced in the new proposed curriculum.

**2.11 PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO SEXUALITY, HEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (S.H.A.R.E.) HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM, LESSON PLANS, AND ACCOMPANYING POWERPOINT PRESENTATION MATERIALS FOR LESSON SIX, HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS/PERSONAL SAFETY. DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS –CONSENT, SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT, PREVENTION, DECISION-MAKING, RELATIONSHIPS, ADVOCACY, CONDOMS, AND BIRTH CONTROL – TO REPLACE THE CURRENT LESSON SEVEN, SEXUAL ASSAULT, LAWS, HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

Ms. Proctor reviewed objectives and activities proposed to support the lesson.

A few of the committee members inquired as to what type of cases would be shared and felt sex trafficking would be a natural fit under this lesson topic.

A committee member spoke in support of both lessons five and six.

### **3. CLOSING ITEMS**

#### **3.1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting date and location of the SHARE Advisory Committee is Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Board Room, Reno Nevada.

### **3.2 PUBLIC COMMENT**

- James Benthin spoke to what he felt we should provide students – framing of the subject matter and unspoken assumptions. Spoke about focusing more on academics and the basic requirements of NRS. Opposed expanded gender information.
- Rebecka Shiles parent of 2 WCSD students. Mission is to provide a, “Factual and abstinence-based curriculum.” Parents are not being adequately notified about potential curriculum changes.
- Chuck Grimm from Pathfinders Children’s Ministry. Spoke in general opposition of the curriculum and specifically about dental dams.
- Karen England spoke regarding dental dams, Nevada law and WCSD’s bullying policy, if 64% of students aren’t having sex then why are we not encouraging more not to have sex. Submitted document for committee.
- Vanessa Vancour parent with daughters in the district. Spoke in support of expanded curriculum. Acknowledged parent responsibility, her college students are under-knowledgeable about consent.
- Geoff Knell spoke in opposition of teaching about LGBTQ.
- Emily Euse, as a dentist in the community, spoke regarding dental dams and using the same visuals regarding abstinence. If Planned Parenthood is used, also use adoption centers resources.
- Cheryl Schricker spoke as a former educator, grandparent – concerned about accepting as fact things that aren’t necessarily proven as fact such as gender fluidity.

### **3.3 ADJOURN MEETING**

There being no more business, Chair Bessette adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.



I do not think we should accept this agenda. This agenda is an example of why I have been repeatedly frustrated since joining this committee. I requested to be appointed to this committee because I believed it was the committee that was tasked with advising the district "concerning the content of and materials to be used in" the SHARE program in Washoe County. What I have discovered over the last year and half however is that it is district staff that creates an agenda for our public meetings which we are then compelled to strictly adhere to due to open meeting law. This does not allow any committee input or input from those in the neighborhoods that we represent. For an entire year, we had basically nothing to discuss as a cadre of health teachers were given the task of giving input to update our curriculum by school district staff. We spent a year on mundane issues not addressing curriculum at all as we waited for the health teachers to finish their work. The committee was finally presented with their input on October 16. We expected a lengthy meeting and verbally agreed that no new business would be addressed after 8 p.m. Anything left on the agenda at that time would be moved to our meeting in January. After three months when I finally received this agenda, not only did I not find the three remaining items from October's meeting (2.13, 2.14 and 2.15) but I found entirely different lessons being proposed to us to consider - not even the complete lessons but just bullet points. I am absolutely stunned that, after waiting for over a year to hear input from health teachers and voting on them as a committee, District staff has now written an agenda that completely ignores that work and asks us to discuss different lessons. I feel as if this entire committee has just wasted a year and a half, but not just us. What was the point of all the time the health teacher cadre put in if staff was going to write tonight's agenda and completely disregard their work and recommendations? I would like to know how we as the committee advise the District about the SHARE program when for the last year and a half we have just been a rubber stamp for staff, only being allowed to talk or vote on what staff puts in front of us. I disagree with everything on this agenda. Furthermore, I would like to ask that on all future agendas just prior to adjourning and the announcement of the next meeting, a standing item be added to the agenda for New Business that allows members of the committee to recommend to staff on the public record items for future agendas. For these reasons and because since asking for items to be on the agenda via email does not seem to work, I will not be voting to accept this agenda. I would like a copy of my written statement to be included in the minutes of the meeting and I will give a copy to the Secretary.

*Kelly Roper*  
*SHARE Committee*  
*Member*  
*1-16-19*