

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

February 20, 2019

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:30 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, Victoria Lokke, Dariah Scott and Brent Brooks were present. Rochelle Proctor, WCSD staff liaison, was also present.

2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2.1 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Public Comment: None

On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Ashley Sonderfan, The SHARE Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, Lydia DeFlorio, Claudia Bessette, Victoria Lokke, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks. Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 8-0, Motion Carries.

2.2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the sexuality, health, and responsibility education advisory committee from October 16, 2018

On a motion by Kelly Roper, second by Lydia DeFlorio, the SHARE Advisory Committee voted to approve the minutes from October 16, 2018 (Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, Lydia DeFlorio, Claudia Bessette, Victoria Lokke, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks. Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 8-0, Motion Carries

2.3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education Advisory Committee from January 16, 2019

Brent Brooks stated that under section 2.03, Kelly Roper was misquoted and said, Crisis Pregnancy Center and not Teen Pregnancy Center. Pastor Brooks also identified in section 2.06, what he felt was incorrectly noted in the minutes about the community

and committee feedback leading to a completely new proposed curriculum. He felt it was a district decision and not one of the committee and community.

Tiffany Hoffman disagreed and said she was one of the committee members who would not have voted on the curriculum as it stood. So, the statement was partially correct.

On a motion by Kelly Roper, second by Brent Brooks, the SHARE Advisory Committee voted to approve the minutes from January 16th with the amendments of Crisis Pregnancy Center replacing Teen Pregnancy Center and Tiffany Hoffman's clarification that she was the committee member who did not believe the curriculum should move forward (Yea: Lydia DeFlorio, Claudia Bessette, Victoria Lokke, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks. Nay: Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan,) Final Resolution: 6-2, Motion Carries.

2.4 Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Accept the Revisions to the Proposed Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) High School Curriculum, to include Lesson Plans and Accompanying PowerPoint Presentation Materials, for Draft Lesson Two as discussed at the January 30, 2019 S.H.A.R.E Advisory Committee meeting; and Recommend Adoption by the WCSD Board of Trustees. Discussion of the Proposed Lesson 2 curriculum may include the concepts of Decision Making; Abstinence; Accessing Information, support, and resources; Advocacy; and Relationships (For Possible Action)

WCSD liaison, Rochelle Proctor, went over the changes to lesson two; the removal of the acronym, DOGMA; addition of the term "wondering" to one of the scenarios; the dictionary definition remains in the lesson as a teen talking point; additional teen on-line resources; and the term "trusted adult."

Kelly Roper felt some of the resources were great; Girls Health and Stay Teen, but felt a couple of the others were opinion based and not evidence based such as Scarleteen.

Claudia Bessette suggested that the resources be listed alphabetically.

Public Comment:

- James Benthem brought some curriculum items from Ascend to share with the committee.
- Katie Fogel asked for clarification about use of slides in the proposed curriculum vs. the existing curriculum.
- Jeanie Turner spoke in opposition to the proposed curriculum.
- Tim Oates stated that he was not in favor of the proposed curriculum, but also offered a suggestion to a proposed activity, to include a parent component.
- Andrea Thompson shared some experiences working with the community and the need of being provided with all the options/information.

- Nicole Cortez spoke in favor of educating students through the proposed curriculum.
- Aerial Gomes spoke in favor of the proposed curriculum.

On motion by Ashley Sonderfan, second by Tiffany Hoffman, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee approve the lesson, with the change of alphabetizing the resource list, presented here today and recommend them to the WCSD Board of Trustees. (Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, Lydia DeFlorio, Claudia Bessette, Victoria Lokke, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks. Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 8-0, Motion Carries

2.5 Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) High School Curriculum, to include Lesson Plans and Accompanying PowerPoint Presentation Materials, for Draft Lesson Three and the concepts proposed to include Responsible Use of Technology including Sexting, Media Representation of Sex, and Explicit Media Messages; Relationships; Decision-Making; Abstinence; Advocacy; and Nevada Law and Technology Safety; and revising and/or moving the concepts within the Current Lesson Three, Abstinence and Refusal Skills, to elsewhere within the curriculum; and Possible Action to Either Recommend Adoption by the WCSD Board of Trustees or Recommend Revisions to the S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator (For Possible Action)

District Liaison, Rochelle Proctor, presented the topics proposed for lesson 3.

Committee chair, Claudia Bessette, spoke as a school counselor and expressed the need for information on sexting and the possible implications students may experience.

The committee also felt the lesson needed further clarification on legal consequences of sexting, to include the laws for neighboring states, and to define what "sexually explicit" includes.

The committee also discussed the included definition of pornography. There was some concern about it being stated as...the depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures and writing)... and a concern that social media was not included as a platform.

Public Comment:

- James Benthem spoke about Ascend's curriculum.
- Carol Sorrenson spoke as a faith-based sexual educator and the importance of communication and fact based sexual education.
- Sarah Porter spoke in favor of the proposed curriculum

- Jeanie Turner spoke about vulnerability and over exposure in relation to the proposed curriculum.
- Malea Hoffman sits on the WCSD Student Advisory board and spoke in favor of the need for the proposed curriculum.
- Terry DeBarger spoke about possible implications of sexting and the legal ramifications and the images presented should represent the diversity of our students.
- Derek Lange spoke in opposition to teachers having to be tasked with teaching the curriculum.
- Brook Maylath spoke in support of the addition of having inclusive lessons included about pornography, social media and caution about sexting.
- Gwen Hunter spoke in favor of the proposed curriculum.
- Andrea Thompson spoke about the community and the need for an updated sex education curriculum.
- Riley Hogan spoke as a HS student and her struggles with her own sexuality because of the sex ed curriculum that she experienced in school. Spoke in favor of including LGBTQ youth with in the proposed curriculum.

On motion by Tiffany Hoffman, second by Ashley Sonderfan, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee approve the lesson, with the amendments including images that depict a more diverse population and include multi media images; state and federal level sexting laws and consequences for both over and under 18yo individuals; and the definitions of partial and full nudity, presented here today and recommend them to the WCSD Board of Trustees.

(Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, Lydia DeFlorio, Claudia Bessette, Victoria Lokke. Nay: Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks) Final Resolution: 5-3, Motion Carries

2.6 Presentation and Discussion of the Proposed Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) High School Curriculum, to include Lesson Plans and Accompanying PowerPoint Presentation Materials, for Draft Lesson Four and the concepts proposed to include the Benefits of Abstinence, Methods of Effective Birth Control, Reasons for Use of Birth Control, Effective Condom Use, Reproductive Decision-Making, and Reproductive Laws including Legally Available Pregnancy Options; and revising and/or moving concepts within the Current Lesson Four, Pregnancy and Reproduction / STDs and HIV, to elsewhere within the curriculum; and Possible Action to Either Recommend Adoption by the WCSD Board of Trustees or Recommend Revisions to the S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator (For Possible Action)

Ms. Proctor presented the information in the proposed lesson 4 to the committee. Topics discussed were Benefits of Abstinence, Methods of Effective Birth Control, Reasons for Use of Birth Control, Effective Condom Use, Reproductive Decision-Making, and Reproductive Laws including Legally Available Pregnancy Options.

Kelly Roper suggested adding in a piece of about the lack of a “no” does not mean “yes” to a situation.

Brent Brooks stated that he felt there was not enough information about why a person may not choose to use birth control which may be a result of religious beliefs. Pastor Brooks also suggested that students should have the opportunity for discourse about the topic of abortion.

Ashley Sonderfan was concerned that having a discussion on abortion (either for or against) would be bringing in biases to the discussion instead of looking at what is presented in the scenarios and making decisions based on that.

Victoria Lokke suggested the importance of prenatal care services.

Tiffany Hoffman pointed out that this may be the last time a student receives information on sexual health, so it’s important to remember this is information that will be beneficial for the rest of the student’s life.

Public Comment:

- Chery Shricker spoke in opposition of the topic of abortion.
- Katrina Fogel spoke in favor of the link of effective contraception options.
- Melissa Clement spoke in opposition to the topic of abortion.
- Brooke Maylath spoke to the importance of contraceptive options for all our students.
- Carissa Halloway spoke in favor of the proposed curriculum and the many forms of contraceptives available and appropriate for different people.
- Andrea Thompson cited research findings that teaching students about contraception does not increase sexual behavior of students.
- Catherine Schopp spoke in support of the importance of contraceptive options and the access to contraceptives and possible barriers.

On motion by Ashley Sonderfan, second by Tiffany Hoffman, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee approve the lesson, with the following amendments; adding Our Center, Casa Da Vida and the Pregnancy Center; include the school counselor, nurse and social worker as possible school site resources; the importance of speaking with a health care provider when choosing the appropriate contraceptive; have the proposed lesson reviewed by a health care professional specializing in contraceptives; consent and the statement “lack of no does not mean yes”; include not to leave a condom in a car; and this information is for a student’s future knowledge, presented here today

and recommend them to the WCSD Board of Trustees. (Yea: Tiffany Hoffman, Ashley Sonderfan, Lydia DeFlorio, Claudia Bessette, Victoria Lokke, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper. Nay: Brent Brooks) Final Resolution: 7-1, Motion Carries

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.1 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date and location of the SHARE Advisory Committee is Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno Nevada.

3.2 Public Comment:

Melissa Clement spoke about the option and process of abortion.

3.3 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no more business, Chair Bessette adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.