



**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
SEXUALITY, HEALTH, AND RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION (SHARE)  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE  
WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**August 21, 2019**

**1. OPENING ITEMS**

**1.01 Call to Order**

The meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:41p.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512.

**1.02 Roll Call**

Members Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Cassi Levesque, Andrea Thompson, Ashley Wade, and Brent Brooks were present at roll call. Staff Liaison Rochelle Proctor was also present.

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

**2.01 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

There was no discussion.

**On motion by Sara Kiser, second by Ashley Wade, the SHARE Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented** (Yea: Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Cassi Levesque, Andrea Thompson, Ashley Wade, Brent Brooks, Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 9-0, Motion Carries

**2.02 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Chair from the current membership of the Sexuality, Health and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2020:**

Chief General Counsel Neil Rombardo explained the process for making nominations and selecting a chair and vice-chair.

Kelly Roper proposed nominating Dariah Scott. Ms. Scott stated her interest in serving as Committee Chair.

Lydia DeFlorio nominated Ashley Wade. Ms. Wade stated her interest in serving as Committee Chair.

**On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Brent Brooks, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee selected Dariah Scott to serve as Chair of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2020** (Yea: Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks, Nay: Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Cassi

Levesque, Andrea Thompson, Ashley Wade) Motion fails, 3-6

**On motion by Ashley Thompson, second by Lydia DeFlorio, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee selected Ashley Wade to serve as Chair of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2020** (Yea: Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Cassi Levesque, Andrea Thompson, Ashley Wade, Dariah Scott Nay: Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks) motion passes, 7-2

**2.03 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Vice-Chair from the current membership of the Sexuality, Health and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2020:**

There was no additional discussion.

**On motion by Ashley Wade, second by Sara Kiser, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee selected Daria Scott to serve as Vice-Chair of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2020** (Yea: Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Cassi Levesque, Andrea Thompson, Ashley Wade, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks) motion passes, 9-0

**2.04 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education Advisory Committee from April 10, 2019 (For Possible Action)**

There was no discussion

**On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Lydia DeFlorio, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2019** (Yea: Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Cassi Levesque, Andrea Thompson, Ashley Wade, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Brent Brooks) motion passes, 9-0

**2.05 Presentation and Discussion of a proposed process and time line in which committee members can share documents for consideration by the committee during committee meetings in regards to an agenda item. Committee members will be provided with a time frame for which to provide documents**

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**2.06 Discussion and Possible Action of the Proposed Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) High School Curriculum as directed by the Board of Trustees on June 4, 2019 to send draft Lesson Topic, Understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender**

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**Identity, back to the S.H.A.R.E Advisory Committee for additional review by the committee. Discussion may include review and revisions of Lesson Plans and Accompanying PowerPoint Presentation Materials, and the concepts proposed to include the meaning of gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation: components of sexual orientation; and gender expectations. Possible Action to Either Recommend Adoption by the WCSD Board of Trustees or Recommend Revisions to the S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator**

Rochelle Proctor, WCSD S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator and Committee Liaison, presented the proposed lesson, Understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Note: the lesson had no changes from the January 30, 2019 meeting).

There was committee discussion around the activity, "Myth vs Fact" and whether it should remain in the lesson or be removed.

Member Brent Brooks felt the directive of the Board of Trustees was to develop a curriculum that was abstinence based, LGBTQ inclusive, and be balanced with a "traditional view." Member Andrea Thompson requested a definition of balanced curriculum. Mr. Brooks stated that, "a large portion does not embrace this view and that both views be presented. Traditional being sex between a man and woman and gender is determined at birth by chromosomes and genitalia...we haven't found a gay gene." Member Brooks continued with the hope that students could discuss in class.

There was discussion around making changes to the PowerPoint slides, (adding the terms and definitions of gender, cisgender and transgender) as well as changing the language of question 4 in the myth vs. facts section. It was suggested that SB201 from the 2017 Legislature be noted as it changed the law to prohibit conversion therapy by certain health care professionals.

Public Comment:

- Rev. Richard Dalton spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Rev. Sarah Johnson spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Dr. William Tarbell spoke against adoption of the lesson
- Ellyn Darrah spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Rabbi Benjamin Zober spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Pamela Payne, PhD, CFLE, spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Jackie Shelton spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Tanja Hayes spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- YeVonne Allen spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Lisa Genasci spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Becky Contos spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Brooke Walker spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Stan Dunford-Jackson spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
- Rev. Karen Foster spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson

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- Meredith Tanzer spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
  - Stephan Page spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
  - Sean Savoy spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
  - Tova McGilvray spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
  - Nikki Hertzler spoke against adoption of the lesson
  - Rabbi Sara Zober spoke in favor of adoption of the lesson
  - Submitted written comments are attached to these minutes

Ms. Proctor read the WCSD Board of Trustees action from the June 4, 2019 meeting that Lesson Topic, Understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, be sent back to the S.H.A.R.E. Committee for additional review.

The committee discussed recommending a balanced lesson that is scientifically based and medically accurate.

**On motion by Andrea Thompson, seconded by Lydia DeFlorio, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee recommend forwarding draft Lesson Topic, Understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, to the Board of Trustees for adoption; with the following revisions: 1) add one slide which states the definition of cisgender and transgender as outlined as is in the current presented lesson; 2) add additional language in the "Myth vs Fact" activity, question 4, in the section that starts with, "That is different from sitting down and trying to change the way you feel" as referenced by Member Sara Kiser. "Conversion therapies do not work and can end up doing real psychological and emotional harm. In 2017, the Nevada legislature passed SB 201. The purpose of SB201 is to protect the well-being of children who are under 18 years of age by prohibiting such licensed health care professionals from providing children with conversion therapies, any practices or treatments that seek to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of the children." The next sentence was revised to read, "in Nevada, the 2017 Legislature enacted SB 201, related to conversion therapies, which prohibits certain health care professionals from providing sexual orientation and gender identity conversion therapy to a minor and providing other matters properly relating there too. Conversion therapy is defined in Nevada state law under NRS 629.600, Conversion therapy prohibited.**

A friendly amendment was requested Kelly Roper to add a slide after the Myth vs Fact, "lesson Part 2" replace writing the word "gender" on the board with a slide, asking what does gender mean. **Andrea Thompson and Lydia DeFlorio both accepted the friendly amendment.** (Yea: Andrea Thompson, Lydia DeFlorio, Kelly Roper, Ashley Wade, Sara Seibert, Sylvia Gonzales, Cassi LeVesque. Nay: Brent Brooks, Dariah Scott) Final Resolution: 7-2, Motion Carries

### **3. CLOSING ITEMS**

#### **3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee will be September 11, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512

#### **3.02 Public Comment**

Brooke Maylath spoke regarding the law that prohibits licensed health care professionals from conducting conversion therapy, but that it is allowed under the guise of religion and churches.

Jay Cafferata spoke about youth suicide, how important this curriculum is, and recognized the hard work the committee is doing.

#### **3.03 Adjourn Meeting**

There being no more business, Chair Wade adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm.