

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

September 11, 2019

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the SHARE Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:12p.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Chair Ashley Wade and Members Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, and Andrea Thompson were present. Members Brent Brooks and Cassi Levesque were absent. Rochelle Proctor, WCSD SHARE Committee Liaison, and staff were also present.

2. DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND ACTION ITEMS

2.01 ACTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

On motion by Dariah Scott, second by Kelly Roper, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee approved the agenda as presented (Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Andrea Thompson Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 7-0, Motion Carries.

2.02 Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education Advisory Committee from August 21, 2019

There was no discussion.

On a motion by Sara Kiser, second by Andrea Thompson, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee approved the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory committee (Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Andrea Thompson Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 7-0, Motion Carries.

2.03 Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to Provide Input to the WCSD S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator on the Current and Proposed Topics of the 8th Grade Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education

(S.H.A.R.E.) Curriculum. See Attachment A (page 4 of this agenda) for a list of the current and proposed lesson topics. Note: This title is limited to discussion of proposed curriculum topics. Discussion of the proposed curriculum and associated materials shall occur at a future meeting of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee Meeting

Rochelle Proctor, S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator, presented current and proposed lesson topics and asked for input into recommendations for additional topics for the 8th grade SHARE curriculum.

The Committee discussed the topics that were presented and indicated support for them. They then discussed additional topics including sex trafficking, gender identity and sexual orientation, and sexting/social media.

Ms. Thompson suggested the committee add gender identity and sexual orientation as a lesson topic and cited National Sexual Education Standards as a source. Ms. Thompson added big changes occur in students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, physically, emotionally and developmentally.

The Committee discussed that the lessons should be presented in an age appropriate manner. Ms. Roper inquired about what is considered age appropriate for discussion of gender identity and other information.

Ms. Thompson referenced the National Sexual Education Standards and that the document explains age appropriate ages for lesson topics, and the various contributing organizations who have come together for content. It also speaks to suicide in young students who are questioning their gender identity.

There was discussion about references being added and available for students and their families, such as the national sexual education standards. Ms. Proctor indicated that the intention is to have resources and references for each grade level.

Public Comment:

- Luis Galvez, a WCSD student, spoke in favor of adding gender identity as a topic.

Ms. DeFlorio commented that part of the charge of the committee is to bring age appropriate lessons, using the members' suggestions. Ms. Proctor will bring these lessons back to the committee for discussion and approval.

On motion by Dariah Scott, second by Sara Kiser, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee recommended adding the following topics to the 8th Grade S.H.A.R.E. Curriculum: sex trafficking, sexting and social media. (Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Andrea Thompson Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 7-0, Motion Carries.

On motion by Andrea Thompson, second by Lydia DeFlorio, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee recommended adding the following topic to the 8th Grade S.H.A.R.E. Curriculum: gender identity and sexual orientation. (Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Andrea Thompson Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 7-0, Motion Carries.

On Motion by Sara Kiser, second by Kelly Roper, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee recommended accepting the topics initially presented by the SHARE Coordinator for the 8th Grade S.H.A.R.E. Curriculum (as presented on attachment A to the agenda) (Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Andrea Thompson Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 7-0, Motion Carries.

2.04 Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to Provide Input to the WCSD S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator on the Current and Proposed Topics of the 7th Grade Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) Curriculum. See Attachment A (page 4 of this agenda) for a list of the current and proposed lesson topics. Note: This title is limited to discussion of proposed curriculum topics. Discussion of the proposed curriculum and associated materials shall occur at a future meeting of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee Meeting

Rochelle Proctor, S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator, presented current and proposed lesson topics and asked for input into recommendations for additional topics for the 7th grade SHARE curriculum.

The Committee discussed the topics that were presented and indicated support for them. They discussed additional topics including abstinence, sexually transmitted infections (STI's), contraceptives, reproduction, basic sexual intercourse

Ms. Kiser suggested adding references to local resources. She also spoke about students in middle school being developmentally different and added that there may be an overlap between the 7th and 8th grade lessons. Ms. Thompson agreed that there should be repetitive lessons in order for the information to stick.

Ms. Thompson proposed adding a lesson topic on gender identity and sexual orientation in 7th grade as well. Ms. Roper disagreed stating that her interpretation of the National Sexual Education Standards is to present this information by the end of 8th grade and, in her opinion, if it's not in the Standards it should not be included.

Chair Wade discussed the idea of presented curriculum in such a way that students gain mastery of a concept (grade bands). For example, in the first year the topic is introduced, in the second year additional details are added, and in the third year students would be expected to have mastery of the concept.

There was discussion among the committee related to grade bands, ensuring all students received appropriate information, and providing students with proper terminology and words to decrease the use of slurs.

Ms. Scott stated her concern that not all members of the Committee had a copy of the National Sexual Education Standards in front of them, and was uncomfortable using it as a reference to make decisions until everyone has a copy in front of them.

Public Comment

- Brooke Maylath from the Transgender Allies Group spoke about Senate Bill 204 from the 2019 Legislative Session which speaks to student suicide prevention.
- Ian Walker, a WCSD student, stated his believe that sexual orientation should be a topic for older students but not students in elementary school.

On motion by Ashley Wade, second by Andrea Thompson, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee recommended accepting the current topics proposed for the 7th grade curriculum and added the following topics: basic sexual intercourse, human reproduction, abstinence, contraceptives, STI's, and sexual orientation and gender identity.

Kelly Roper proposed a friendly amendment that local resources be available. Ashley Wade and Andrea Thompson accept the friendly amendment. (Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Andrea Thompson Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 7-0, Motion Carries.

2.05 Presentation, Discussion and Possible Action to Provide Input to the WCSD S.H.A.R.E. Coordinator on the Current and Proposed Topics of the 6th Grade Sexuality, Health, and Responsibility Education (S.H.A.R.E.) Curriculum. See Attachment A (page 4 of this agenda) for a list of the current and proposed lesson topics. Note: This title is limited to discussion of proposed curriculum topics. Discussion of the proposed curriculum and associated materials shall occur at a future meeting of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee Meeting

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Ms. Roper asked for clarification on the third bullet point, "texting," and if it was meant to be "sexting." She added that sexting should be a topic. Ms. Scott agreed that texting should be included in a discussion of social media and sexting.

Ms. Thompson referenced bullying and suggested that "healthy relationships" be an added topic. She also recommended that gender identity and sexual orientation be added.

There was discussion about separating boys and girls for certain topics. Ms. Proctor responded that separating students has not been discussed with the new lessons. Currently, though, lessons are taught with one day being boy focused and one day being girl focused.

Ms. Roper suggested that sexual orientation may be added but that the topic of gender identity not be added to avoid confusion by younger students. Ms. Thompson agreed that the two topics could be separated but both should be discussed.

Chair Wade asks how 6th grade lessons are being delivered now that 6th grade is in middle school. Ms. Proctor replied that the counselors are teaching the 6th graders. Ms. Roper, asked if there is any desire with new curriculum to switch to science teachers or keep it with the counselors.

Following Ms. Scott's inquiry related to bullying, disciplinary action, and the use of slurs, the committee discussed the District's student behavior protocols.

Debra Biersdorff, Chief Academic Officer, informed the group of the District's behavior matrix which clearly delineates why a student might receive consequences or disciplinary action for various behaviors. She added that the District has a rigorous, thorough and clear process to address bullying, and has initiated a civil rights lesson beginning with middle school students. That lesson addresses bullying, sexual discrimination and harassment, etc. In 2021 it will be taught to high school students and the following year to elementary school students.

There was discussion about adding references to resources for students and their families. Ms. Gonzalez asked if the resources are accessible to students on their own, or if they have to have parent permission. Ms. Proctor responded that resources will likely be in the school community such as counselors, social workers, and nurses. Ms. Thompson suggested adding health care providers to resources for students.

Public Comment:

- Brooke Maylath spoke in favor of including gender identity in 6th grade; and of not separating students by gender when teaching the lessons.
- Baillie Stewart spoke in favor of the presented topics; encouraged the inclusion of gender identity; and better resources for teachers and parents.

On motion by Kelly Roper, second by Dariah Scott, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee recommended accepting the presented topics for the 6th grade S.H.A.R.E. curriculum and adding the following new topics: texting, sexting, social media, healthy relationships, adolescence puberty, local resources, and sexual orientation.

Ms. Thompson proposed a friendly amendment to include gender identity. Ms. Roper stated she would not accept the friendly amendment adding that if the Standards separate the topics (sexual orientation and gender identity) the committee needs to honor that.

(Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper, Andrea Thompson Nay: 0) Final Resolution: 7-0, Motion Carries.

On motion by Andrea Thompson, second by Sara Kiser, the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee recommended adding gender identity as a 6th grade curriculum topic (Yea: Ashley Wade, Sara Kiser, Lydia DeFlorio, Sylvia Gonzalez, Andrea Thompson Nay: Dariah Scott, Kelly Roper) Final Resolution: 5-2, Motion Carries.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the S.H.A.R.E. Advisory Committee will be November 13, 2019, 5:30 p.m. at WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512

3.02 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

3.3 ADJOURN MEETING

There being no more business, Chair Wade adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.