

Flagstaff Montessori Sexual Health Committee

Address: 850 N Locust St. Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

Date: Wednesday, January 4th, 2023 at 3:30pm

Location: Conference Room

MINUTES

Dated and posted January 4, 2023 at 5:45pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call of Members

Present:

Mark Gallo

Stephanie Adams

Jana Bowditch

Leslie Littlefield

Jennifer Haremeza

Facilitating Non-Member-Whitney Owens

3. Review Governing Board Guidance

The Governing Board has specific guidance for this committee. Whitney Owens will present Presentation and discussion

Whitney Owens presented guidelines from the governing board. There were no discussions or questions.

4. Review of Open Meeting Law

Whitney Owens will present Open Meeting Law basics

Presentation and discussion

Whitney Owens presented the basics of open meeting law. There was some discussion of requirements around interacting with the public during a public comment agenda item. The committee was provided with a document on open meeting law to review.

Jennifer made a motion to reorder the agenda to have number six (6) 'Review of Arizona Law' before item five (5) 'Curriculum Presentation'

Mark seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to move the agenda item.

6. Review of Arizona Law

Whitney Owens to share Arizona law related to sexual health curriculum

Presentation and discussion

Whitney presented on Arizona law guiding sexual health curriculum. She shared regulation

IHAMB-R from the policy manual with the committee. The committee will review the law and policy to be familiar with requirements.

5. Curriculum Presentation

Sydney Tolchinsky, Public Health Educator with Coconino County Health and Human Services will present curriculum option(s)
Presentation and discussion

Sydney reviewed the curriculum for middle school sexual health. She noted that they teach throughout the state, the curriculum is presented in two separate rooms, separated by boys and girls, with students choosing the gender they identify with.

Sydney presented on the hygiene curriculum for 5th and 6th graders. She noted that the curriculum does not cover birth control or sex with a partner, and it is still offered in two separate rooms. The curriculum covers hormones, puberty, bodies as discussed through anatomy and not gender, anatomical drawings, and hygiene. Everybody receives the same lesson. Students are also provided a hygiene kit. The curriculum is one that is approved by the state of Arizona.

Discussion of what happens to students who are not opted into the lessons. These students will have alternative lessons on health.

Sydney would like to offer a parent night to share the curriculum if approved.

Whitney will send Sydney's email to the committee if there are specific questions.

Discussion of other available curriculums. There is an OWL curriculum and possibly another, Stephanie will do more research and send additional options to Whitney to be shared with the committee.

Jennifer was asked if she would be comfortable teaching a curriculum. Jennifer said she would if there was time to be trained.

6. Timeline for Advisory Committee

Whitney Owens to present potential timeline for the committee
Presentation and discussion

Whitney shared a proposed timeline.

Review of 60 day requirement for curriculum review. It was determined that the count curriculum could be up for review sooner than listed on the timeline to provide more time with scheduling.

Jennifer made a motion to put the county curriculum on the website and have it available to the public before the end of the week. Mark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Whitney will also send the updated timeline to the committee.

7. Date and Time for Next Meeting

Next meeting set for Thursday, January 19th from 3:30pm-5:00pm

8. Public Comment (3 mins per/person, total of 30 mins time allotment)

Curtis Smith shared the following comments/questions:

- *Can the timeline be shared with the public?*
- *What are the implications of having 4th graders in upper elementary not able to participate in the hygiene lessons?*
- *What does sexual education look like in a Montessori classroom?*
- *What does it feel like for students who do not opt-in?*
- *He would like the full curriculum available to families and possibly a FAQ.*
- *Be sure not to be limited in curriculum choices by tight timeline*
- *How often is the curriculum adopted?*

Adjournment

Adjournment at 4:55pm