

## MINUTES

### Reproductive Health Education Advisory Committee

January 9, 2012 6:00 p.m.

Dansville Elementary Library

Voss called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Kristy Cook , Andy Cox, Steve Ezop, Elizabeth Graf, Heather Hause, Laura Launstein, Jim McNally, Sara Oesterle, Addie Price, Amanda Ragon, Carlie Sawyer, Casey Sawyer, Jan Sweers, Krista Voss.

It was moved by Cook, seconded by Launstein to approve the minutes of the November meeting. Motion passed 11-0.

It was moved by Ezop, seconded by Graf to approve the agenda for the meeting. Motion carried 11-0.

Voss and Graf gave a recommendation to the committee to teach the 4<sup>th</sup> grade HIV curriculum to this year's fourth and 5<sup>th</sup> graders, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum to this year's sixth and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum with the responsible and healthy relationships curriculum for 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Minor changes would be made in artwork to make the curriculums age appropriate.

Sweers moved and Hause seconded a motion to accept the above recommendation for HIV testing for the current school year.

Discussion followed. There was general agreement that this HIV curriculum plan would be a good first step and would help us move towards compliance with state guidelines.

Motion carried 11-0.

Ragon encouraged board members to Google the "Parent Action for Healthy Kids" and the "Talk Early-Talk Often" Websites to see what is offered and how we might be able to use it as a tool in our community.

Oesterle asked about the risky behavior surveys and Voss said the surveys would be conducted shortly and that results may be available at our next meeting.

The committee's proposal will be presented at the next school board meeting on January 23, at 7 p.m. Voss, Graf, and Price will be presenting. All committee members are encouraged to attend to support and answer questions. The committee will be seeking approval from the Board of Education at the second hearing at the February meeting.

There was discussion about the proper wording to communicate to parents the status of our HIV and reproductive health curriculum. Wording similar to the following is being considered:

*"At this time, our district has not adopted a reproductive health curriculum. Therefore, sexual questions raised by students will be addressed by the teacher in the following manner:*

*` Redirect the discussion*

*` Thank the student for his or her contribution and say that any activity in which body fluids that contain blood cells go from one person's body to another person's body can spread HIV.*

*` If students continue to ask questions about sexual topics, the teacher can suggest, "Those are very good questions that you should ask your parents or another family member. Your parents probably would like to discuss this topic with you at home."*

Ragon and Hause will be reviewing the available videos for this curriculum and will decide whether we will try to get these videos approved for use.

Cook and Launstein will be working on ideas for the parent communication and presentation, should we receive approval from the Dansville Board of Education.

Next meeting will be February 6, 2012, at 6 p.m. in the Dansville Library.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved  
*Kurtis Van*  
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