

**Human Sexuality Advisory Committee  
September 29, 2009, Meeting Minutes**

Present: Kerri Comai, Don Jackson, Gary Hall, Mary Jo Andrysiak, Sharon Driscoll, Olivia Lawson, Ashley Kallgren, and Ed terSteeg.

Ed terSteeg opened the meeting at 1:45. Given no public comments the regular meeting began immediately. The May 12, 2009, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Don Jackson commented that given the many changes, which have occurred since last year, it is important that the committee ask the deeper questions regarding how instruction is being covered and, if it is being taught. Bottom line is do we know whether or not everyone is receiving the instruction necessary to meet the merit curriculum requirements; especially instruction regarding HIV and STI. The following was reported and/or acknowledged:

- We know that the Health class required for graduation has been placed in the eighth grade. Progress is being made regarding what to do in terms of offering the class to those who failed it in eighth grade or have transferred to Pennfield without a required Health credit. The current understanding is that Barry Duckham is organizing a plan using the e20/20 electronic credit option.
- The Teen Heart program for seventh grade is no longer an option. Work will need to be done to find alternatives to that instructional piece.
- K-5 teachers may teach all subjects so the question about certification is not an issue in the elementary. However, in order to teach anything about HIV/STI's the teacher is required to attend a professional development training, which is generally not more than one or two days.
- In grades 6 - 8 Mrs. Feneley, Middle School Principal, is reviewing the state requirements and determining which teachers are eligible to teach reproductive health and/or HIV/STI content.
- Mary Jo Andrysiak will meet with Barry Duckham regarding the HIV/STI instruction at the high school and report back to the committee regarding the plan for the high school.

Mary Jo Andrysiak and Suzanne Allen are meeting with the building principals to complete a curriculum audit of what is actually being taught by grade level. Additionally, they are reviewing the impact of changes such as the Health class being placed in the Middle School, the Teen Heart program being dissolved and no longer available to Pennfield, all-day kindergarten, six block schedules at Pennfield High and Pennfield Middle, and the transfer of all third grade classes to Dunlap Elementary on the K-12 Human Sexuality program and determining potential recommendations for consideration. It is understood that Mary Jo and Suzanne will be working with Jerry Mueller, Curriculum Director, regarding "what is being taught" and potential recommendations for consideration.

The committee talked about the Gardasil presentation. Kerri Comai will discuss the idea with Cindy Scharns regarding a community forum, which would focus on learning about

Gardasil so parents may make more informed decisions regarding the immunization. Kerri will report back at the October 20, meeting.

Mary Jo Andrysiak reported that funds from a community organization were used to purchase six copies of Bill Tavern's book, "Making Sense of Abstinence. Additionally, the district is suppose to receive a "pregnant belly" kit for use the parenting class at the high school.

Don Jackson volunteered to contact either the Kellogg Foundation and/or the Battle Creek Community Foundation regarding information about a Youth Advisory Council and its feasibility in Pennfield.

Mary Jo Andrysiak shared a PBS video called "Life's Greatest Miracle." The video will be viewed by each committee member and we will have a conversation regarding whether or not it should be recommended to the Board of Education for adoption consideration. Attached is a review sheet for your comments.

Ed terSteeg reported that the Mi-PHY (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth) electronic survey will be administered to students in grades 7, 9, and 11. The information generated will be used by the DAC regarding a focus on wellness, the building principals regarding safe and orderly school climate, and the Human Sexuality Committee regarding attitudes and behaviors. The Middle School has scheduled the survey for October 26, and the High School is working out the logistics.

Ed terSteeg reported that a total of 33 students have been opted out of the district human sexuality curriculum by their parents.

The committee determined the following meeting dates: **October 20, November 17, January 12, February 9, March 9, and May 11.** The meetings will be at the High School from 1:45 to 2:30.

The next meeting will be **October 20, 2009, 1:45 in the Conference Room at the High School.** Please e-mail Mary Jo Andrysiak at [andrysim@pennfield.net](mailto:andrysim@pennfield.net) or call 441-9834, if you are not able to attend. Given no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed terSteeg, Recording Secretary

cc: Human Sexuality Advisory Committee, Pennfield Board of Education

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October 20, 2009  
1:45 to 2:30  
Conference Room - High School

Agenda...

- Public Comments
- Open Agenda
- Adoption of September 29, Meeting Minutes
- Gardasil Presentation Information - Kerri
- High School Plan - HIV/STI - Mary Jo
- Youth Advisory Council - Don
- Discussion - *Life's Greatest Miracle* - Mary Jo and Kerri
- Update on Curriculum Review - Suzanne and Mary Jo
- Next Meeting - November 17
- Adjourn