

HGD-CAC Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2021

Introductions

Chair: Alan Chatham, Chair, presiding and offered opening welcome.

Present: Heather Beebe-Stevens, Chair Elect; Casey Balzano, Secretary; Ian Sullivan, Past Chair; Sasha Carey, Spokane County Medical Society; Kirsten Duncan, SRHD; Kristina Poffenroth, Luther Community Svcs; Laura Kolbe, CAPA; Luke Tolley, Member-at-Large Alternate; Nikki Lockwood, SPS Board of Directors; Sarah Fincham, Member-at-Large; Ashley Busch, Member-at-Large; Molly Merkle, Member-at-Large; Marybeth Smith, SPS Director of K-12 Curriculum; Melanie Vance, SPS Nurse; Becky Ramsey, SPS Director of Special Education; Stephanie Splater, SPS Director of Athletics and Afterschool Activities; Tami McCracken; North Central Principal; Elizabeth Ferris, SPS Curriculum Secretary; Syrina Rose, SPS Curriculum Secretary; Heather Bybee, SPS Chief Academic Officer, 2 North Central students.

1. Review Minutes

Minutes from 09/22/2021 HGD-CAC meeting reviewed.

Motion: Heather BeeBe Stevens moved to approve the minutes as written.

Second: Molly Merkle seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: Eleven voting members present; Yes-(10); No-(0), Abstain-(1)

Motion to approve 09/22/2021 minutes as written passes.

2. Old Business

Review of Grade 4 video *What is Sexual Orientation?* and alternative video *Sexual Orientations Explained: Lesbian, Gay, Heterosexual and Bisexual*:

SPS Staff explained the concerns of staff and parents around this video prior to committee watching video. Explained district would like the committee to provide their recommendation on whether we should keep the current video or have the district create an alternative for this spring based on community feedback and committee feedback.

SPS Students felt the video characters “Vegetables” were appropriate to model the lesson of the video and that it got the point across. Students also shared that it might make more sense to have the alternate video which was more introductory play prior to the current one.

Committee members discussed if some of the terminology used in the alternate video was still socially accepted. Also, discussed the age appropriateness of both videos and if they

met the learning objective for the lesson. Many members thought there should be more introductory content like the alternative video. Committee requested copy of the District and Nation Standards. Decided to keep the current video for now and would like to see a district created alternative for the current video.

Adding Additional HGD-CAC Agency seat

Committee members gave updates on their research of community agencies that may be a good fit for the committee. Committee is going to research and reach out to community agencies including but not limited to, IDD Champions Network. Committee discussed options for adding additional agency seat including possibly needing to amend the bylaws to increase regular member total from 16 to 17.

SPS Staff reminded committee that we can have community members join meetings to get their feedback without them being agency members.

3. New Business

Medical Accuracy Subcommittee material review logistics

Medical subcommittee requested copy of SPS HGD curriculum so they can review for medical accuracy. Set deadline to review curriculum by March 23, 2022, HGD-CAC Meeting. SPS Staff will distribute copy of curriculum to sub-committee for review.

SPS Staff Guest

SPS Director of Special Education Becky Ramsey explained that special education teachers modify the current curriculum to fit their students' needs and do not feel they need separate curriculum. She did mention it would be helpful to have supplemental resources around certain topics.

Committee requested Becky Ramsey send them a list of topics that they would like supplemental resources for.

Committee and SPS Staff discussed different organizations that may have resources on topics related students with intellectual and developmental disabilities including but not limited to the ARC of King County (healthy relationships materials for older students), DDA, DVR Northwest Autism, Isaac foundation, Skills'Kin, Disability Rights Washington.

Next Regular Meeting: January 26, 2022 12:00-2:00pm, Zoom Virtual meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1:22PM. Eleven voting members present including chair who presided over meeting.