

Irvine Unified School District
Health Advisory Committee Minutes
March 13, 2019
Administrative Center
5050 Barranca Parkway
Irvine, CA 92604

- Call to Order:** Chris Weber called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM by Chris Weber.
- Roll Call:** Attendance taken via sign-in sheet.
- Members Present:** Naz Hamid, Marla Roque-Wylie and Kandie Schmehr
- Members Absent:** Mj Caterinicchi and Tina Chiang
- Staff Present:** Chris Weber, Deanne Graham, Connie Jacobs, Marcia Noonan and Alan Schlichting
- Staff Absent:** None
- Approval of Minutes:** Approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting as presented. Passed with a motion by Naz Hamid and seconded by Marla Roque-Wylie.
- Oral Communication:** An opportunity to speak to a topic not on agenda (3 minutes per person not to exceed 30 minutes total) – blue slip speakers (We had 14 speakers – each had 2 minutes and 8 seconds):
- Hillary – Appreciates the efforts IUSD is doing to communicate the Health Curriculum to the community. She still has concern w/normalizing sexual orientation. Would like additional information in the curriculum regarding the risk of sexual orientation and more regarding waiting to have sex until marriage.
- Jennie – Parent of elementary, middle and high school students in IUSD. Understands parents cannot always create their child’s path but can guide them. She asks that the committee look at the terrified parents here in the room concerned with the curriculum and allow them to protect their kids.
- Mindy – Fullerton district parent. She has heard from friends who have 7th grade students in an Anaheim school and is very upset with what she has heard is being taught in Teen Talk. She said she feels the curriculum sounds more like a graphic novel. Stated Teen Talk is the worst curriculum ever. She is aware parents are able to opt their child out of the curriculum but is concerned with other students who are not opting out spreading the information they are taught.
- Jinah – Minister/Pastor at a local church. States Teen Talk gives false information. Refers to page 162 and protected anal sex. Would like to know our thoughts on unlimited gender choices and multiple partners. Glad IUSD gives option of opting out.
- Kristin – 3 students in IUSD. The information about gender dysphoria illness is not correct. Gender dysphoria has risen in the last few years. Lesson 3 gender identity is indoctrinating our children. Gender reassignment procedures are psychologically damaging. This curriculum fast tracks them into gender dysphoria. She feels we have ill prepared staff who are uninformed. Proposes IUSD do the right thing or you will have been complicit.

Ignatius – Parent who opposes the new sex education curriculum. It does not give enough voice to parents. It molests and confuses the minds of our students. It encourages students to engage in sex and exposes them to disease. Children deserve better curriculum. Should not override parent beliefs.

Kevin – References Teen Talk HS section 7.6 “Condom Demonstration.” Read directions from the Teen Talk curriculum. Imagine our children seeing this. This is disgusting. The information is not helpful or useful. Our kids do not need this training. I would like to dismiss this section. It’s embarrassing.

Noel – Thankful for IUSD listening to parent concern. Had much dialogue a couple years ago regarding the curriculum and is still not happy with it. Hopes IUSD changes direction and maybe can write their own curriculum. Concern with students during some lessons specifically “Value Space” will be raising their hands answering. She was told it would be anonymous and is now being told otherwise. Concerned a couple years ago was told by Kristin Winn that the condom demonstration was not going to use a penis model but rather just use the air.

Alexandria – Parent of 3. Two have moved on and one is 13. Still sees 13 year old as a baby. (Held up photo of her son as a young child.) The 13 year old is very curious. When schools introduce terms about anal and oral sex, students get more curious. The material promotes having sex not preventing it. Concern with preventing others from sharing the information they learn with their student if they opt out.

Robin – Grew up in Irvine has a student with special needs. Have you the committee read the curriculum in depth? Ask yourself if you are the appropriate person to be on this committee? Would like us to partner with a medical advisory board. As a parent I decide what, when, and how information is shared with my child. I do not believe it is your role to frame these conversations.

Jeongme – Mother of two children. Teen Talk is not age appropriate. Wants to make sure young children make good choices. Refers to page 4. Feels it is a direct invitation to have sex. They are not ready to handle this information. Safe sex is not anal with a condom. Safe sex is for a man and a woman in a committed relationship of marriage. Teach abstinence. Teen Talk is written by a small group of people to normalize their sexual identities. This teaches sex as an activity. It is written for adults and does not have out children’s best interest.

Kari – New to Irvine. Has a second grader. Wonders if we are introducing too much too soon. As a mom I am concerned for all children. I am concerned with the trans community – are we trying to address people escaping the psycho-community SRS and the disservice that will bring regarding suicide. Can we provide resources to families who are dealing with “this?” Our family values are being impinged on. The system is broken. We can’t opt out in other classes such as social studies and art.

Hana – Common goal as parent and educators is to raise thriving children. I have the right to teach my Christian values to my children. Rights of our boys and girls is not being supported. Believes her tax money is not being spent on the right curriculum. Youth should not to have sex. This curriculum promotes having sex and promotes multi forms of sex. This curriculum promotes sexual immortality and is damaging families.

Emily – Christian parent. Ask that public schools stop discriminating against other beliefs. Respect Christian values. Do not teach they can be a man today and a woman tomorrow. Do not add more confusion. The theory about numerous genders has no scientific support. Only teach the truth. I want to teach my values. Public schools should not teach our children their beliefs. The LGBTQ community is allowed to say what they want. Through mankind people have accepted the type of sex that was assigned at their birth.

Norms:

Reviewed working agreements. The HAC acknowledges a diversity of values. The HAC evaluates sensitive resources related to California Healthy Youth Act.

- Recommendations will be made that prioritize student’s needs first and are based on research and evidence-based best practices.
- Be transparent and seek input from all stakeholders.
- Be prepared to address agenda issues and ask questions.
- Create a forum for discussion/questions prior to formal meetings.
- Create an atmosphere that is compassionate, non-judgmental and staff or individuals to express and confide in. Share w/honesty and transparency to promote dialogue.

Health Advisory Committee Business

Approval of Sensitive Materials – The committee reviewed and discussed previously distributed materials for middle school and high school health courses.

Middle School

- Video - “Puberty: Always Changing and Growing Up”
 - Motion to approve video in its entirety by Kandie Schmehr 2nd by Naz Hamid. Vote 2-1 APPROVED

High School

- “In the Womb” video by National Geographic
 - Motion to approve video in its entirety by Naz Hamid, 2nd by Kandie Schmehr. Vote 3-0 APPROVED

Guys’ Talk

- Additional video for Guys’ Talk on male stereotypes
 - Motion to approve video by Kandie Schmehr 2nd by Marla Roque-Wylie. Vote 0-3 NOT APPROVED

Updates & Next Steps

- Discussion on use of videos from amaze.org in Guys’ Talk
- Review of updates to Health web page
- Review parent concerns and IUSD policies and practices

Future Meeting Dates for 2018-2019:

- 5/7/2019 - 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM by Chris Weber.