

Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting
April 13, 2022

Minutes

Attendees: Samhita Adapa, Laila Akhlaghi, Wendy Baird, Amber Beichler, Lisa Bevenour, Atticus Gore, Beth Gottschalk, Lesley Hassen, Kevin Hickerson, Jen Hitchcock, Sean Kenney, Ann King, Anshra Malik, Greg Martin, Chaiya Mohanty Ortiz, Chrestiane Tekola, Kristy Vitter, Melissa Warren, Willow Woycke, Shari Zamarra

Non-voting attendees: Colleen Eddy, Katie Kruk, Jason Morgan, Carrie Reynolds

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Carrie Reynolds.
2. 20 voting members present.
3. Approval of March meeting minutes.
4. Review recommendation for use of the media *Hormones, Body Odor, and Acne, Oh My! Puberty 101* for grade 6. The committee recommended use of this video during the March meeting. The media was reviewed to further consider use of this media with the reference to masturbation. Masturbation is identified in regulation 3204 as a topic that is not instructed in elementary FLE.

Following discussion, the committee approved use of the media in grade 7 in addition to grade 6. No action was taken to change the previous recommendation to use the media in grade 6.

Motion to recommend media *Hormones, Body Odor, and Acne, Oh My! Puberty 101* for grade 7.

20 voting members present at time of vote:

19 Yes

1 No

5. Committee reviewed proposed revision to objectives and descriptive statements for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 Human Growth and Development to align with gender combined instruction being recommended by the committee.

Motion to approve proposed objectives and descriptive statements for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 as written.

20 voting members present at time of vote:

20 Yes

0 No

6. Committee discussed recommendation from Special Education staff that the media *Janet's Got Her Period* and explicit instruction on the use of menstrual pads be identified only for individuals assigned female.

Motion to recommend only students assigned female receiving instruction from the modified FLE curriculum will view the media *Janet's Got Her Period* and receive explicit instruction on the use of pads.

20 voting members present at the time of vote:

18 Yes

3 No

7. The committee discussed asking the School Board to support FLECAC in exploring the addition of gender identity in elementary school and development of an inclusive Family Life Education curriculum during committee meetings in SY2022-2023.

Motion to recommend to the FCPS Board that in 2022-2023 FLECAC explores and recommends changes regarding inclusion of the gender spectrum in the elementary FLE curriculum and a move overall inclusive curriculum in Family Life Education.

20 voting members present at time of vote:

20 Yes

0 No

8. Committee reviewed draft report to the School Board and provided feedback. Committee will receive a revised draft by Monday, April 18, 2022, and have the opportunity to provide feedback by close of business on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 prior to the report going forward to the Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services.
9. The process and timeline for presenting the report and recommendations to the School Board, community review, and final action by the Board was reviewed with the committee.
10. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.