

Family Life Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2019

Meeting called to order by Committee Chair Sheila Story at 6:40 PM.

Individuals present:

Tasha Fuson, Dan Thornton, Stella Thornton, Jocelyn Vargas, Stesphnie Robbins, Olivia Syndergaard, Elysia Teruya, Emma Hataway, Fawn Lewis, Erin Been and Sheila Story

Agenda reviewed for the meeting.

Approval of April 8, 2019 minutes postponed until a quorum of Board members are present.

Introduction of new and existing members.

Presentation: Mrs. Story explained the purpose of the committee. Mrs. Story passed out copy of NRS Chapter 389.036 to explain membership and oversight authority of the committee. Carson City School District FLAC Rules of Procedure passed out to members. Mrs. Story directed committee members to read the document and prepare questions for the following meeting. Copy of annual report given to members. Mrs. Story explained the reporting requirement and reviewed the items presented at the September CCSD School Board meeting. Procedures for review of materials shared and explained. Review/approval forms shared. Mrs. Story explained that the materials to be reviewed can often be very graphic which is why they are reviewed by the committee prior to being approved for viewing in the Carson City School District. Mrs. Story explained the reason for the required members is to ensure that all stakeholders (religious, education, parents, students, community) are included in the discussion and decision making process. Mrs. Been explained some of the work that was done last year and that the committee approves possible resources (including guest speakers) and that not all of the resources are actually used in every class each year. Mrs. Story reiterated that the committee is building a library of resources that are vetted for appropriateness at each grade level and that Mrs. Been was correct, not all materials are used every year in every class. Mrs. Story shared the partnership between the Carson City Health and Human Resources department and some activities that occurred last year. Mrs. Story passed out a list of the remaining meetings for the school year and asked members to commit to attend the meetings so that the requested materials can be reviewed in a timely manner for teachers. Committee reviewed topics that may be covered (sexually transmitted diseases, abstinence, teen pregnancy, etc.). Student member inquired if there were specific materials on approved list to address LGBTQ issues and/or LGBTQ guest speakers. Mrs. Been explained that the state Health standards are being reviewed at the state level and that current standards do not include standards related to LGBTQ. Mrs. Story and Mrs. Been explained that students/parents are given the opportunity to

opt out of Family Life topics in Health classes and that alternate assignments are provided when a parent opts his/her student out. Mrs. Story informed the committee that the videos will not be reviewed during this meeting since a quorum was not present. Mrs. Been suggested using technology to support the work of the committee in case Board members are unavailable to attend future meetings.

Sheila Story reported, the next Family Life Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.