

**ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Board Meeting Room – East Lansing High School**  
**March 12, 2026, 6:30 -8:00 PM**

**1) Call to Order by SEAB Co-Chair Danny Hearit at 6:36**

**2) Membership Roll Call.**

- 1) SEAB Present: Heather Marlow; Andrea Kelly; Rev. Chad O'Neil; Danny Hearit; Bridget Burns-King, FNP; Lola Fore-Ogunfolabi; Melissa Fore; Asmau Ayuba, LCP;

(Not Present: Dr. Jonathan Gold, DO, Karessa Wheeler, Dr. Megan Maas)

- 2) Staff Present: Mark Dobson, Assistant Superintendent and Anne Scott, Sex Education Supervisor

**2) Approval/Modifications to the Previous Meeting Minutes**

- a. Noted the date for March meeting needed to be corrected from March 19th to March 12th,  
b. Motioned to adopt February SEAB meeting minutes with noted correction by Chad O'Neil;  
Seconded Heather

**3) Approval/Additions to the Agenda**

- a. Motion to approve agenda by Andrea Kelly; Seconded by Heather Marlow.

**4) Public Comment:**

- a. Danny Hearit shared that they were interviewed by a MSU Student about the new curriculum for 7th and 8th grade students.

**5) Guest Speaker: N/A**

**6) Presentations/Committee Reports**

- a. Sex Ed Director Report:
- i. 7th and 8th Grade Curriculum:
    1. Updated Michigan Model for Health HIV and STI unit approved at the March 9th Board of Education meeting. The Academic and Tech Committee also reviewed the recommended curriculum at an earlier meeting also on March 9th (prior to the Board Approval).
    2. The newly approved curriculum will occur in 8th Grade, and an Optional Consent Workshop will be organized for 7th Graders.
    3. Supplemental Lessons: Optional 6th-grade refresher on reproductive anatomy; Also retained *Lesson 8 Someday, Not Now* from the older Growing Up and Staying Healthy curriculum, which included content on condom use for HIV, STI and pregnancy prevention.
  - ii. The District Sex Education Handbook will be revised and updated again to include the middle school approved curriculum updates.

- iii. 5th Grade Parent Review Night was held on February 23rd at Green Elementary: Largest turnout so far with 19 parents attending. Instruction is ongoing.
- iv. The 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9-12th parent notifications and opt-out processes start in early April for May instruction.
- v. Participating in the Eaton RESA is offering a webinar series for school districts to strengthen compliance with Sex Education and HIV Education law and regulations. The series begins in March and runs through June.
- vi. The Parent/Caregiver survey is prepared and currently working on release to collect responses.

b. Committee Reports:

- i. Data and Evaluation Committee Report (Heather Marlow/Andrea Kelley/Jonathan Gold/Megan Maas) - No new reports.
- ii. Community Education Committee Report (Karessa Wheeler/Bridget Burns)
  - 1. April 29th date has been set for the Community Presentation with Megan Maas (6:30pm -8:00pm). Title: Pop Porn! How to Talk to Your Kids about Pornography II
- iii. Curriculum Committee Report (Danny Hearit, Asmau Ayub, Chad O'Neil, Melissa Fore)
  - 1. The committee discussed parent feedback about separating classrooms by gender for sexual health instruction in 4th and 5th grade. Considered if it would be helpful in reducing the number of opt outs and increasing comfort of students and families over the current co-ed environment. Discussed potential concerns for gender non-conforming students who would have to choose a room. Anne will follow up with 4th and 5th grade classroom teachers for some insights and feedback for the committee.
  - 2. Working though some possible options for K-3 curriculum additions.

7) **Unfinished Business**

8) **New Business**

a. **SEAB Membership Term Review**

- i. Notice of non-renewing members
  - 1. Melissa Fore will be retiring from the SEAB after 12 years of service!
  - 2. Chad O'Neil is interested to serve in parent capacity, if another clergy member of the community can be identified.
- ii. Renewing Required positions:
  - 1. Clergy Position (exp. 5/2026) - capacity.
    - a. This position is a state requirement.

2. Three student positions (2026-2027 year)

**b. Nominations for 2026-2027 SEAB Chairs**

i. ByLaws on SEAB members/Chairs:

1. Co-Chairs are appointed by the BOE
2. At least one co-chair must be a parent of an ELPS Student
3. All SEAB members must be residents of East Lansing and/or be affiliated with ELPS in some way

ii. Chad O'Neil is willing to be interested if needed. Anne will send a poll for interested SEAB members interested to serve.

**9) Announcements**

- a. Heather will not be present next month because it is her Birthday
- b. Next meeting will be April 16th at 6:30 at the HUB

**11) Adjournment** Heather Marlow motioned to adjourn; Asmau Ayub seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.