

Orange Unified School District
Middle School Curriculum Review Committee
District Office Rooms J2 & J3
Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
Minutes

Committee Members Present: Carrie Lundell, Julie Landicho, Stacey Meis, Nicol Jones, Jennifer Barnes, Kathleen Engstrom, Marcia Forkurt, Katherine White, Kayee Contrad, Stacy Baird, Kim Nguyen, Rachel Zethreus, District Nurse, District Nurse, Arissa Palmer, Sapna Chopra, Curriculum & Instruction Representative, Raeanne Little, Curriculum Council Member, Michelle Weisenberg, Deseree Salazar, Christine Gerges, Nick Sepulveda

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Steve Regur (Moderator)

Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and gave a brief personal biography.

The meeting began with Steve Regur giving an overview for the goal of this first meeting.

- Understand the baseline (the legal and technical aspects)
- Review the curriculum rubric
- Gain a proficiency level
- Have healthy, reasonable expectations
- Decide what is best for our students
- No information vs. too much information can be harmful

Activity and Video

A brief exercise/activity was done by the attendees based upon a misconception about sexual health they encountered at a young age and what person they felt comfortable with to discuss the issue with.

Also, a short video was presented to inform everyone about the legal boundaries, age appropriateness, and purposes of the California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA).

Legal Presentation

Attorney Tony De Marco gave an overview of the California Healthy Youth Act (CHYA). Mr. De Marco advised that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is active in the CHYA implementation at school districts. He also held a question and answer session to address any concerns by the committee. Topics that were inquired about included:

- What are the teaching credentials required for instructors of this course?
- Will professional development be held to train teachers? Mr. De Marco mentioned that currently the law does not mandate credentialing for this subject, and that some school districts hire outside trainers to teach the course.

- Currently OUSD is behind in compliance and the ACLU knows this. He said that OUSD is still on the pathway to legal compliance even though the deadline has passed.

Curriculum Review Committee Member Discussion Items

- OUSD used to have outsiders come and teach Comprehensive Sexual Health & HIV Prevention in Grades 6, 7, and 9
- The involvement of OUSD nurses involved in the curriculum and teaching
- Material availability for review by parents at the school sites
- OUSD needs a transparent model for our parents and community – and possible outside help for the lessons.
- The topic of opting out of the curriculum was discussed, based upon Orange County Department of Ed and California Department of Ed guidelines, OUSD's opt-out option includes a full opt-out of Comprehensive Sexual Health & HIV Prevention
- What this committee decided upon, in terms of curriculum, will be given to the District Curriculum Council for review and then to the Board of Education for approval.

Establishing the Norms

After the presentation by Mr. De Marco and the parent question and answer session, Mr. Regur led the discussion on developing team norms. These included:

- Efficiency of time – start on time and end on time
- What happens in the room stays in the room
- No tweeting
- Listening, not interrupting
- Take turns speaking by raising your hand
- Keeping an open mind
- Maintaining a safe environment
- Sit in circular groups for work sessions
- Receive handouts/information ahead of time to be better prepared.
- Be transparent
- Maintain a public comments board on the OUSD webpage

Future Meeting Schedule

March 12, 2019 – 8:30am – 10:30am

April 30, 2019 – 8:30am – 12:30pm

May 7, 2019 – 8:30am – 12:30pm

June 4, 2019 – 8:30am – 12:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.