

Mark Isfeld Secondary – Sex Ed Delivery Proposal

Our teachers have been working collaboratively over the last few years, through curriculum implementations days and team teaching, to not only introduce and expand on meeting many of the curricular competencies involving Social Well Being and Mental Health with their students. The Sexual education component is new for them as well, but with proper in-service they have indicated they are willing to take this on right away.

This fall, on the August Pro-d Day, and the September Pro-D, 6 Isfeld teachers attended full day sessions with Dr. Claire. Dr. Claire has been working with all our district teachers and has developed lesson plans for them to use to help deliver Sex Ed. Related curricular competencies of the curriculum that she previously provided for one session to grade 8s and one session to grade 10s last year.

Through proactive timetabling and discussion with our teachers, it was decided that for this transition of instruction to be most successful, Isfeld would deliver the curriculum using primarily two teachers, teaching exploratory elective classes. Coral Hagel will provide up to 5 lessons of Sex Ed. for our grade 8s in their Citizenship class, and Stace Hagel will provide the continuation lessons to grade 9s in their Healthy Lifestyles electives. Each class is a term long, and it will take the entire school year to reach all the students in both grade 8 and 9. As this is more time than Dr. Claire provided originally, grade 10 PE classes will focus on the healthy relationship curricular competencies, and these will likely be done through team teaching, via Claudia Reintgen.

To inform parents, letters have gone home with students in this term's classes indicating that a Sex Ed. component of the PE curriculum is being delivered to their child, and an 'opt out' permission request was provided to parents who wish to teach this portion of the curriculum to their child, at home, themselves. Those student will not be in the sexual education lessons on the days they are conducted.

I will keep you updated.

Thank you,
Jonathan Bos