



The Newsletter

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4th Version Of Sex-Ed Curriculum Now Released (Lots Of Good Mixed With Poison)

HWFAC has been a steady watchdog over HWDSB sex-ed curriculum since the release of the first Board wide curriculum in the spring of 2000. A tremendous amount of effort has been spent by our Council evaluating, critiquing and reporting on each of the 4 versions to date and it has resulted each time in a product which is far better than what would have been if we had not been involved. In March of 2005 we were contacted by HWDSB to review what would be the 4th version.

We critiqued the 400 page 4th edition, line by line over a 4 month period and then met with Superintendent Krys Croxall on 3 or 4 occasions over 30 months to discuss our written input and reinforce the importance of our comments. This has been a very draining process for both sides and in many ways we have seen substantial gains while also noting a sickening setback. Given the volume of the Grades 5-8 curriculum we cannot possibly begin to report on all of it and so we will simply highlight some of the positive and negative aspects.

Positive aspects: The curriculum does have many positive activities and numerous times directs students to discuss things with their parents and clergy and this is excellent. It also, in several areas throughout the curriculum emphasizes the importance of choosing abstinence and provides examples helping students to decide ahead of time to choose abstinence and to avoid situations where their good choice could be compromised. There is a lot of emphasis in this regard and we are in full support. In particular, there are two very positive results which we will highlight.

The first is that for each grade there is a Revised Protocol which provides clear direction that information letters

inviting parents to view all resources including curriculum, videos and any other support resources be sent to parents a minimum of 2 weeks prior to curriculum delivery. It is essential that you do this and ensure that you have reviewed everything. Do not accept general and vague descriptions. For example, the Grade 7 Information Letter does state that one of the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum is that Students will, "explain the term abstinence as it applies to healthy sexuality" but what parent would expect that to mean that on page 7-61 under an abstinence activity that the curriculum would define anal intercourse as the sexual activity in which a penis enters another person's anus.

The second aspect was in response to our comment regarding page 8-98 where it states: "In order to make a responsible decision about any type of sexual intercourse an adult must be : aware of all risks, willing to accept the consequences, capable of dealing with all consequences (physical, emotional, social, physical, spiritual, financial)." In comment, we wrote, "This would be a great opportunity to make the point that no Grade 8 student meets the criteria of making a responsible decision about sexual activity (unless of course that choice is to refrain)." To this area is now added in bold "Most people are not ready for this type of relationship until they are adults." Ten years ago when we began our involvement with the sex-ed programming, the language of the day was 'safe-sex' and 'responsible sex', as if the condom suddenly made adolescent fornication safe and responsible. Today we both agree that sexual activity is for adults who are prepared to make adult decisions. This is a significant turning of the minds and we are thankful.

Negative Aspects: Sadly, we must now

report some very serious concerns, which to us are like rat poison in a bowl of nutritious cereal. The cereal may be full of nutrients, but it only takes a bit of the poison to destroy every benefit of the cereal. Do remember these are only some of the concerns.

Grade 6: We are supportive of cross-sectional schematic-type anatomy diagrams for the purpose of learning basic anatomy, and many of the diagrams are in fact in this form. However, what we do not support are the detailed (almost photo-like), frontal views of the adult male penis, circumcised and uncircumcised (pg 6-40), and the female vagina with all labeling including the clitoris (pg. 6-48). We feel very strongly that 11-year-old girls will feel uncomfortable (if not frightened) by the graphic penis images and also very embarrassed as 11-year-old boys in the same room are viewing graphic images of the vagina. Some boys may not enjoy this experience while others may be sexually aroused. This type of graphic depiction in a setting of pubescent boys and girls will break down modesty

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Hamilton-Wentworth Family Action Council to Make Public Presentation to School Board Monday May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

HWFAC continues to fight against the acceptance of the Sexual Orientation Strand of the Equity Policy and have recently been granted delegate status to present to the Committee of the Whole. Originally it was to have taken place in January but has since been postponed 3 times which allows us more time to pray and to call and to speak up. This meeting will take place at the school board building on Main Street West across from City Hall and may now take place on Monday May 12 at 7:00p.m.. We are requesting that as many concerned parents and taxpayers as possible attend this presentation as we present our concerns with various aspects of the Policy.

An effective means of identifying yourself as a supporter of HWFAC is to bring a flashlight and a large Bible. If you can, cover the end of your flashlight with white or orange or yellow tissue paper so that when it is on it will be like a candle or torch bringing light to the darkness. When HWFAC (or others) speak the truth, hold up your light over your head, turn it on and point it to the ceiling as a sign of support. Never point it at others or use it for any other purpose. Imagine 200 flashlight candles shedding light on darkness. Will you do it?

Our presentation will discuss the following:

- 1) The Sexual Orientation Strand is not an Equity Policy rather, it is a tool to be used to eliminate opposition to the Board's embracing of homosexuality, bisexuality and transgenderism and weaving it into all subjects starting in kindergarten
- 2) Phobia is an irrational fear such as a fear of closed areas however, as unnatural sexual conduct such as homosexual is high-risk then fear of this is not a phobia, it is rational. Therefore, there is no such thing as homophobia.
- 3) Christian families are required to 'come out and be separate and touch no unclean thing'. (2nd Corinthians 6:17-18, 7:1)
- 4) Homosexuality is the 'exchanging of the Truth of God for a lie and as a result of their indecent acts, homosexuals receive in themselves the due penalty for their perversions'. (Romans 1: 25-27)

5) Heterosexism is a term that seeks to label and stigmatize those who rightly say that 'Marriage is the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others'.

In closing, we plan to ask the Board the following; as we in the Biblical Judeo-Christian community strive to raise our children to think on 'whatsoever things are honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report, we require classroom environments which will provide a safe physical, emotional and spiritual haven. Can we expect that to be provided by the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, or should we expect classrooms of multi-sexual indoctrination and apologetics? We need to know

Please plan to attend. The date is still subject to change so to confirm, contact us at the end of April.

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11th Annual Scavenger Hunt For Birthright To Be Hosted at Calvary Pentecostal Tabernacle (Just West Of Wal-Mart)

On Saturday June 14th, HWFAC will sponsor the 11th Annual Scavenger Hunt for Birthright. Each year on Father's Day Weekend we hold this event in support of the very necessary work of Birthright in providing pro-life counseling, articles of clothing and toiletries, emotional support and much more to Hamilton's young women who experience unplanned pregnancy. Last year, in one morning alone, 526.5 pounds of infant and maternity clothing and articles were collected along with \$965 in cash for a total of 1491.5 points. The articles collected on this single weekend each year typically provides 6 months of supply and thus is a crucial event.

HWFAC is pleased to announce that the host church will be Calvary Pentecostal Church in Ancaster which is their second time hosting in these 11 years. We encourage you to begin to now to consider the following articles you may have around which you no longer use which could be brought to the Scavenger Hunt : baby clothes, diapers, baby toiletries (shampoos, soaps etc.),

baby bottles, formula maternity clothes, and financial contributions. Please no furnishings, car seats, strollers, toys or baby powder. If you do not have such articles in your home, speak to others who may and would like to see them go to a pro-life agency. These articles are always given to mothers in need and never re-sold.

Another great idea for collecting is to attend garage sales around noon and offer to take away for free any of the above items while letting them know that you are scavenging for Birthright. Have your Church collect as much you can. Perhaps place all the goods in a play pen or two in the Church foyer and encourage people to help your Church bring the heaviest load to the Scavenger Hunt on Saturday June 14 at 11:00. The weigh-in starts at 11:00, the barbecue is at noon following which will be a short message from Birthright. If you plan to attend or have any questions please contact our Scavenger Hunt facilitator Amanda Fudge at (905) 385-0239 or Penny Enos at (905) 390-0916.



Count Me Out Campaign

In response to their deep concern with the Sexual Orientation Strand of the Equity Policy, a church-based organization brought forth the 'Count Me Out' Campaign. We understand that for every student withdrawn from the HWDSB system and moved to an alternative education source that HWDSB will lose approximately \$8,100 in funding. If 500 children were withdrawn that would equal an approximate \$4,000,000 loss. In addition to home schooling, transfer to the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic Board may also be a viable no-cost alternative. We have spoken with some Catholic Board administrators and have been informed that there are some schools with vacancies. Other options of course include Christian & other private school alternatives although the cost can be prohibitive for many.

Count Me Out has produced a two-sided brochure which after printing, is to be folded and used for distribution to teachers and other concerned parents. This brochure, in addition to providing contact

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barriers and lead to unwholesome playground talk and, in some cases, sexual experimentation.

We requested that the Board remove such diagrams; however they responded, "Depicts reality" and "Found in 2002 curriculum." We objected to these diagrams in 2002, and in every edition since, but to no avail. The necessary information can be imparted in a schematic cross-section form, and is done so in all other Grades, except Grade 6. As a parent, we strongly encourage you to view Pages 6-40 and 6-48 and decide if they are something that you wish your child to study in a classroom setting.

Grades 7 & 8: Our second serious concern is the many references to different 'types' of sexual intercourse throughout the Grade 7 & 8 sections. Over and over again, 'abstinence' is referred to as, "Choosing to avoid any type of sexual intercourse." It then goes on to describe what is meant by 'any type'. "Any type' of intercourse refers to vaginal -the penis enters the vagina, oral - mouth is in contact with another person's genital areas, and anal - penis enters another person's anus".

While all of the above are forms of sexual activity, we are not comfortable with the discussion as is. We, like the Board, do not want our children involved in any of the above. However this type of discussion in a classroom setting of pubescent adolescents will likely do more harm than good. How many of us as children understood that there was such an act as anal intercourse? When you did learn of this term, did you feel better for knowing, or a little sick to your stomach? Of further concern is that the curriculum says nothing about the elevated health risks associated with oral and anal sex; they are just another form of sexual intercourse. Let's be clear - oral and anal sex are unnatural and as such the human body is not created for such abuse.

Physiological Consequences: For oral sex, semen contains many of the germs carried in the blood. Because of this, those who practice oral sex put themselves at virtually the same risk as consuming raw human blood and the associated medical risks.

Anal intercourse is extremely dangerous. The rectum becomes a mixing bowl for saliva and its germs and/or an artificial lubricant, the recipient's own feces, and the germs, infections or substances present on

the penis and seminal fluid of the inserter. Because sperm readily penetrates the rectal wall (which is only one cell thick) causing immunologic damage, and because tearing or bruising of the anal wall is very common during anal/penile sex, these substances gain almost direct access to the blood stream. It is probably the most sexually efficient way to spread hepatitis B, HIV syphilis, and a host of other blood-borne diseases.

According to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, in 2004 for the Region of Toronto, 1 of 5 males who participate in anal intercourse were HIV positive which is approximately 200 times more prevalent than males from non-endemic countries who contract HIV from vaginal intercourse. By the end of this year the factor will be 1 of 4.

At our last meeting with Superintendent Croxall we pressed again very strongly the case that anal intercourse should not be part of the curriculum, however if they were determined to include it then specific descriptions of the risks must be included. Unfortunately it remains in the curriculum without any specific descriptions. We contacted Superintendent Croxall to ask why this was so and received the following response, "We do not want to employ scare tactics." The facts are scary but that is all the more reason they must be provided. We are now setting up discussions to be held with Public Health and City Councillors. We will report back to you following those discussions.

Jim Enos
Chair, Healthy Living Committee 

Prayer List – April '08

Please pray fervently for the following:

1. That news will spread of the destructive sexual behaviours/sexual relationships that the School Board wishes to affirm to our children, and that God's saints will PRAY and ACT according to His leading.
2. That the saints will organize and mobilize the Church for battle against the enemy who is using School Board officials to pervert the language of diversity, discrimination and tolerance. That the saints will not accept being labelled as homophobic or heterosexist for their Biblically-based (and health-based) view regarding sodomy and human sexuality. That the saints will challenge the School Board and fight for


our children. That they will insist upon respect for Judeo-Christian values and that PACE programs be instituted.

3. That the saints will be bold and courageous as they are 'salt and light' to a perverse society. Mark 9:50: "Salt is good, but if it loses it saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other." We should remember God's faithfulness, make a difference in the "flavour of the world we live in, and counteract the moral decay in society. If we lose our salt, we become useless to God. That God's Truth and Light will reveal the lies and deeds of the enemy, and his schemes will fail.

4. That saints will warn one another, and the School Board, of Jesus' warning against harming little ones in the faith: Mark 9:42: "And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck."


5. That there will be mass confusion in the enemy's ranks and their arguments will fall.

6. That God would bless us with a staff of Godly men and women in our School Board.

Thank you, prayer warriors, for your faithful perseverance and tenacity.
Gloria Turner, Prayer Coordinator 

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information for various schooling options also does an effective job in outlining the several concerns they have with the draft sexual orientation strand. Count Me Out has produced a third page which is a mail-in card that parents are to send to their trustee telling them that if the strand becomes policy the parents will be looking for better alternatives to educate their children in their culture and values.

In order to assist 'Count Me Out' with their distribution, we have posted their campaign on our website (www.hamiltonfamilyaction.org) where we encourage you to read about their campaign and download their brochure and mail-in card. Please act immediately and encourage others. 


HWFAC Seeks Additional Leadership

The HWFAC continues to bring leadership to the sex education area issue in our community, as well as to the contentious Equity Policy development at the Public School Board.

The Lord has placed on many of our hearts the necessity for leadership in other areas of interest concern as well, areas that require fellow Christians to lead. If you are involved, or would like to be involved in the areas of:

1. Intelligent Design,
2. Public Health research,
3. Web site design,
4. Prayer Coordinator,
5. Research of Election Candidates, please let us know.

Being a part of what God is doing in Hamilton is a great blessing and reward, and helps to bring critical information and representation to fellow Hamiltonians so that we can better serve the Lord.

HWFAC Council
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The HWFAC and its Mission

TO INFORM, MOTIVATE & MOBILIZE the concerned Community in the area of social issues.

It is evident that Canada is facing a major moral and spiritual decline. We have seen the family attacked from all directions.

Unfortunately, so many family people who share the Judeo-Christian value system do not realize that a war is on - a conflict that will have profound implications on our families today and in the future. Opposing forces are very organized, highly motivated, well funded, deeply committed and very well armed. They continue to break down the very foundation that this Nation was built on and they are accomplishing their objectives. But where are OUR troops?

If we as a body of believers are to be the "salt and light of the world, "we must be willing to influence our community by getting involved. If we don't, we will yield to our opponents by default.

The HWFAC is a coalition of concerned families, churches and organizations which

work together in the community to preserve Judeo-Christian family values.

The HWFAC liaisons with the local school boards, hospital boards, members of Parliament (MP's), councilors, media, etc. as a voice for the pro-family people of our local region.

Statement of Purpose

The Family Action Council is a coalition of concerned families, churches and organizations that work together in the community to preserve Judeo-Christian family values in many areas. Some of the areas we will seek to influence are: Education, Media, Politics, Arts & Entertainment, Environment, Church, Justice System, Society, Medicine and Family.

The HWFAC will deal with issues that influence the family as they relate to Holy Scripture.

The Local Church

The HWFAC was designed to help keep the local church up to date with current and national social concerns. It is important that a "social concerns" representative from every church sits on the Council and attends quarterly meetings. This representative can then disseminate this information throughout their church and coordinate church projects such as petitions, letter-writing campaigns, film presentations, speakers, etc.


Statement of Faith

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men and our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and was made man and crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried and on the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. Whose kingdom shall have not end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son,

is to be worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

I believe in one apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. Nicene Creed 

For more Information, Please Contact:

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Monthly Council Meetings

Your Family Action Council meets every month and You Are Invited !! Be Informed, Get Involved, Attend monthly meetings
The first Monday of every month, 7- 8:30 p.m.
We usually meet at King's View Community Church, 1267 Paramount Drive, Stoney Creek, Call ahead to confirm date and location to:
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We need your help!!

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___ Media ___ Office help ___ Other

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Thank you.