

Protect Nebraska Children

Where we started....Where we are today!

Our timeline of events, in opposing the health and sexuality education standards brought forth by the Nebraska State Board of Education

End of March 2021-The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) released Draft #1 for new health education standards. *Health Standards are not part of the Nebraska legislative mandate for the State Board of Ed-the NDE is NOT authorized to develop health standards, and many local schools already have curriculum in place.

April 2, 2021-The first State Board of Education (SBOE) meeting, in which public comment was heard, regarding the newly released Draft #1. Already, significant opposition was noted to the concerning content which included Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) and Critical Race and Gender Theory.

Mid April 2021-A small group of concerned parents decided to work as a team in opposing the proposed standards. Protect Nebraska Children Coalition (PNCC) was formed! A press conference, website, petition, and social media were utilized to help educate parents and organize ongoing opposition.

May 7, 2021-PNCC helped organize a large and significant turnout for the SBOE meeting. Many concerned citizens provided education to the SBOE members, the 300+ people in attendance, and those watching online, in regards to Comprehensive Sexuality Education and Critical Theory. Following this meeting, the NDE distributed "talking points", which was a propaganda-driven document, outlining that Draft #1 contained no CSE or CRT, and that activists had no involvement in creation of the standards; among other easily refuted claims.

Early June 2021- More than 400 citizens from across the state attended the state board meeting in Kearney. One hundred forty nine people signed up to provide testimony, however only seventy five were allowed to speak. Opposition continued to grow, as PNCC filed for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) public records requests.

June and July, 2021-Thirty of 49 State Senators signed a letter denouncing the proposed health standards, with many speaking publicly. At least 60 separate school districts signed resolutions to reject the health standards after pressure from concerned parents. Additionally, Governor Ricketts and volunteer speakers traveled throughout the state, helping to provide education and awareness as to what the Nebraska SBOE was promoting and supporting.

PNCC continued to provide education, resources, and encouragement for concerned citizens to engage in written and verbal public comment, not only at every state school board meeting, but also

at their local school boards. Bus transportation was provided for central Nebraska citizens to attend the subsequent eastern Nebraska meetings.

July 29, 2021-Just days prior to the Aug 1 meeting of the SBOE, Draft #2 of the health standards were released for public comment. PNCC released a statement expressing continued opposition. The online survey conducted by the NDE also showed that 90% of Nebraskans who participated, were NOT in favor of the health standards.

August 2021-PNCC finally received and reviewed the documents from the FOIA public records request. They revealed SBOE member Deborah Neary helped orchestrate the involvement of local and national activists to create the proposed health standards, which were adapted from a directive called the National Sex Education Standards. These “national “ standards were authored by a conglomerate of radical social justice oriented groups under the umbrella of “SIECUS-Sex Ed for Social Change” (siecus.org). Ms. Neary invited SIECUS into Omaha for a seminar, inviting other board members and NDE staff via the NDE email system. At the August meeting, there were 119 people who offered public testimony out of 300+ in attendance. Many outlined Neary’s coordinated manipulation of the process, and the full cooperation of fellow board members, the commissioner Mathew Bloomstedt, and multiple NDE staff. Internal emails from NDE staff, in which they derided religion and Christianity, proved how they prevented leadership from the Catholic Conference, and other conservatives, from becoming involved in development of the standards. Communication between local activists, Neary, and NDE staff revealed a marketing strategy of using transgender teens to testify and claim they were suicidal.

These emails were shared with state media outlets. The Washington Free Beacon also did a series of articles outlining our efforts.

September 3, 2021-Protect Nebraska Children Coalition, in front of another crowd of 300 people, using 11 consecutive testifiers, laid out a methodical timeline of malfeasance using direct quotes obtained from emails and text messages, of board member Neary, her activist consultants, and the staff of the NDE. The SBOE voted to “indefinitely postpone” the development of health standards due to “COVID”.

September 2021-The Protect Nebraska Children PAC is formed to take on the ideologically driven SBOE at the ballot box, in hopes of influencing the corrupt Nebraska Dept of Ed. **PNC-PAC.com**

October 2021 to Present-Protect Nebraska Children Coalition continues to rally concerned citizens to attend state and local school board meetings, providing education and enlightenment to a growing following of Nebraskans.

