COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS/SPEAKERS

The professional staff is encouraged to utilize outside speakers and other community resources when such expertise is available and relevant to the educational program under discussion at the time. Professional staff shall review the speaker’s specific content ahead of time. When appropriate, professional staff may contact other schools and/or staff who have previously utilized the speaker to ensure content relevance and appropriateness for the age and maturity of the students. Such outside resources will be used only if the material is pertinent to the age level and maturity of the students.

Where a guest speaker will address human sexuality or any other issue that is likely to be controversial:

1. the classroom teacher shall obtain prior approval from the principal
2. no attempt shall be made by the teacher, speakers or other person(s) to persuade or propagandize students to accept a particular point of view; and
3. all sides of the issue should be presented equally and fairly to the students.