- 1. We believe that God immutably creates each person to reflect His image as male or female.
- 2. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. We do not consider homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgenderism as acceptable alternative lifestyles or sexual "preferences." They are incompatible with the divine design for sexuality and the marriage covenant, as well as unhealthy and destructive to individual persons, families, and society.
- 3. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive and lifelong union, as delineated in Scripture.
- 4. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- 5. We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the school, and to provide a Biblical role model to the students and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Belleville Mennonite School in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, must abide by and agree to this Statement on Sexuality and Marriage and conduct themselves accordingly.
- 6. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Compassion compels us to support the healing of those who wish to change their destructive behavior.
- 7. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Accordingly, hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the policies of the school. Sympathy must be extended to those who struggle with unwanted same-sex attractions, and every effort should be made to assist such persons to overcome those attractions, as many already have.