

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tally of Official Vote by Committee

Committee Number: 3

Date: 12/1/2022

Name of Novel: Speak by Anderson, Laurie Halse

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Official Tally of Votes	
///	Challenged material should be returned to school library circulation.
1	Challenged material returned to school library circulation, only for certain age groups, content areas, or grade levels. Tally of votes per grade level: <div>_____ K-5 <u>1</u> 6-8 <u>1</u> 9-12</div>
1	Remove the challenged material in its entirety

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BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONSIDERATION COMMITTEE CHECKLIST

Committee Number: 3

Date 11/17/22

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EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE	Check all that apply
The novel supports the BCSD's mission, vision, and goals.	no
The novel directly supports the acquisition of related standards. (Educational Significance)	no
The novel contributes to improved academic achievement for a variety of learners and learning styles.	no
The novel promotes the integration of higher-level thinking skills.	no
The novel reflects the needs/interests of the school and the culture of the school community.	no
The novel/material adds value to the library/school collection	no
The novel reflects a clear, adequate, and broad presentation of the content.	no
Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:	
<u>By 7th Grade ELA standards not part of review matrix</u> <u>Author portrays school boards being bad. So, 162</u>	

There is no room for discussion of Rape openly in an ELA class without approval & consent.
This book does nothing for an ELA class.

Discussion Abraham - not in CA

AVOIDANCE OF PERVASIVE VULGARITY		Check all that apply
When considered as a whole, the novel does not appeal to sexual interest in a shameful way.		✓
The novel does not depict or describe sexual conduct in a clearly offensive way.	<i>rape is sensitive</i>	NO
The novel abides by prevailing standards in the adult community in regard to suitable material for minors.		NO
The novel is free from graphic depictions of sexual activity.		NO
Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: <i>repeated depictions - portrayal of words</i>		

APPROPRIATENESS	K-5	6-8	9-12
The novel is appropriate to the age and grade level of students.	_____	_____	_____
The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.	_____	_____	_____
The novel is appropriate to the content area.	_____	_____	_____
The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.	_____	_____	_____
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS: <i>The inside behavior refers to sexual assault survivor course. Novel does not possess educational suitability for anyone under 18.</i>			

*This is a women's studies book
SC Superintendent Spearnan in a Nov. 2021
Memorandum warned districts not to rely on
a publisher's rating system.*

BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONSIDERATION COMMITTEE CHECKLIST

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Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:		

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Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY:	

APPROPRIATENESS	K-5	6-8	9-12
The novel is appropriate to the age and grade level of students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS:			

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Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE: <u>Mood, Tone, sentence structure, character change,</u> <u>societal + social issues, and the experiences of a 9th grader.</u>	

AVOIDANCE OF PERVASIVE VULGARITY	Check all that apply
When considered as a whole, the novel does not appeal to sexual interest in a shameful way.	✓
The novel does not depict or describe sexual conduct in a clearly offensive way.	✓
The novel abides by prevailing standards in the adult community in regard to suitable material for minors.	✓
The novel is free from graphic depictions of sexual activity.	✓
Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: The novel did not go in to any extensive details of the rape. Those scenes were handled in a mature way that left room for inference by the reader	

APPROPRIATENESS	K-5	6-8	9-12
The novel is appropriate to the age and grade level of students.		✓	✓
The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.		✓	✓
The novel is appropriate to the content area.		✓	✓
The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.		✓	✓
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS: I feel these are issues all high schoolers talk about and deal with. The novel will help all our students to be prepared. I also feel that the book is suitable for middle schoolers. The hard topics are dealt with so delicately and lead to great discussion with students.			

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Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Theme - tree

Middle school literary standard
ELA standards

Metaphors - a bull chasing thirty three red flag
Similes - it looks like I am wrestled

Comparisons - it tastes like metal

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The novel is free from graphic depictions of sexual activity.		✓	
Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: <i>The descriptions of sexual activity are not in any way vulgar but accurate from the perspective of a teenager/HS student</i>			
APPROPRIATENESS	K-5	6-8	9-12
The novel is appropriate to the age and grade level of students.		X	X
The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.		X	X
The novel is appropriate to the content area.		X	X
The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.		X	X
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS:			

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Evidence from the text or standards relating to EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The novel is centered around high school culture. An outcast is afraid to speak out against an evil act that happens but gets the courage to do so. This could educate someone on the evil act that happened to them.

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The novel is free from graphic depictions of sexual activity.	✓
Evidence from the text relating to PERVASIVE VULGARITY: There is a short half page on the "rape". It is not graphic. "he hurts me"	

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The novel is appropriate to the maturity level of students.			✓
The novel is appropriate to the content area.			✓
The novel/material reflects the contemporary community standards.			✓
Evidence from the text relating to APPROPRIATENESS: NOT suitable for K-5 (talk on alcohol, dating, family issues) 6-12 Suitable but most suitable for 9-12 as the book is set in high school. I think students would find it very relatable			

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