Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

Literature List Committee Meeting #1

Date: Jan 18, 2024

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm (Doors open at 3:50 p.m.)

Location: Paradise Valley District Office, Community Resource Center, Creativity Room

Attendees:

Purpose of the Committee:

The purpose of this committee is to review submitted titles and make a recommendation to the Governing Board to add new titles to the literature list.

Purpose of Today's Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- To share the literature list vetting and approval process
- Review and consider titles that have been submitted by our teachers/schools

Outcomes of Today's Meeting:

The outcomes will be:

- A shared understanding of the K-12 literature review process so that we can make clear recommendations and communicate our progress to stakeholders.
- A shared understanding of the initial vetting process and the sexually explicit content law (ARS 15-120.03)
- An initial discussion of each title in order to learn more about the texts

Minutes

- I. Welcome
 - A. Review Norms, Timeline, and Stakeholder Roles
 - B. Share initial vetting process
 - Notes: A parent asked if rubrics are shared with parents. We clarified that the rubrics are used as a teaching tool, but parents can research any book using and see reviews on Common Sense Media

II. Discuss Sensitive Content vs Sexually Explicit Content

- A. Discuss the difference between sensitive and sexually explicit
- B. Review Sexually Explicit Law ARS 15-120.03
 - No questions

III. Breakout Groups

- A. 4-6 will review and discuss titles
- B. 7-12 will review and discuss titles
 - Breakout groups looked at the submission forms and rubrics. They discussed each title and volunteered to read some of the books.

IV. Next Steps

- A. Review future meeting schedule (Meeting #2 is 3/28)
- B. Option to read and research any titles being recommended
 - Notes: Committee members will complete rubrics for books that they read before the next meeting

V. Call to public and Questions

■ No public comment or questions

Meeting Adjourned at 5:33 pm