

MINUTES OF THE SECONDARY NOVEL COMMITTEE
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
Mohave District Annex, Conference Room A/B, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Rd.,
Scottsdale, AZ 85250
October 5, 2023
5:00-7:00 PM

Attendance:

Present: Becky Antioco, Traci Avalos, Mike Bengert, Brandi Brumfield, Shawn Crosier, Kim Dodds Keran, Tammy Holmberg, Crystal Holmes, Laurie Jackson, Tamara Jagodzinski, Whitney Jennings, Chad Johndon, Danielle Kesic, Dan Milligan, Melchor Miranda, Diane Murphy, Gail Oper, Stuart Rhoden, Jill Scott, Katarina Sisic, Jonna Wallis, Jessica Winget

Absent: Nick Noonan, Barrie Muzbeck Pinto, Pat Shaler, Doreen Thomas, Kristen Tindall

Information/Discussion and Possible Action:

1. The group engaged in introductions following a response pattern:
 - A. What is your favorite experience/memory from this past summer?
2. Review purpose & norms - Information
 - Reminder: Purpose of the committee is not an evaluation of a book's entertainment level; it's an evaluation of the purpose and appropriateness of utilizing books as part of curriculum
3. Schedule of meetings - Information

5:00-7:00 PM at the MDA Room A/B

November 9, 2023

December 14, 2023

January 18, 2024

February 22, 2024

April 4, 2024

May 2, 2024
4. Review of August Minutes
 - Change the date of the October meeting from the 4th to the 5th.
5. Round 1 book presentations and recommendations - Information/Action:

Grade 8: *And Then There Were None*

Question: What constitutes a “classic”?

Grade 7: *Flowers for Algernon*

Grade 10: *For Whom the Bell Tolls*

Question: Is this considered a “classic”?

Grade 8: *The Hound of the Baskervilles*

Grade 11: *Long Way Down*

Grade 8: *October Sky*

Grade 10: *The Kite Runner*

6. Round 2 book assignments and small group meetings - Information:

Grade 12 (College English): *Columbine* by Dave Cullen

Grade 8: *Feed* by M.T. Anderson

Grade 8: *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne

Grade 12: *The Ultimate Guide for Making Top Grades in College* by Koorish Naghshineh, PhD

Grade 11: *How to Read Nonfiction Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster

Grade 12: *Designing Your Life, How to Build a Well-Lived, Joyful Life* by Bill Burnett and David Evans

Grade 12: *Atlas of the Heart* by Brene Brown

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Dated this 5th day of October 2023