

MINUTES OF THE SECONDARY NOVEL COMMITTEE
SCOTTSDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48
Mohave Middle School, Library, 8500 E. Jackrabbit Rd.,
Scottsdale, AZ 85250
February 22, 2024
5:00-7:00 PM

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:05 by Jonna Wallis

Attendance:

Present: Becky Antioco, Traci Avalos, Mike Bengert, Brandi Brumfield, Shawn Crosier, Tammy Holmberg, Crystal Holmes, Laurie Jackson, Tamara Jagodzinski, Danielle Kesic, Dan Milligan, Melchor Miranda, Diane Murphy, Nick Noonan, Barrie Muzbeck Pinto, Jill Scott, Doreen Thomas, Jonna Wallis, Jessica Winget

Absent: Kim Dodds Keran, Whitney Jennings, Chad Johnson, Gail Oper, Stuart Rhoden, Pat Shaler, Katarina Sisic, Kristen Tindall

Motion to approve agenda:

- Motion to approve agenda by: Laurie
- Seconded by: Mike
- Vote Count: Unanimous

Information/Discussion and Possible Action:

1. The group engaged in introductions following a response pattern:
*Question: Aside from necessities, what one thing could you not go a day without?
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
April 4, 2024
May 2, 2024
4. Review of January 18, 2024 Minutes:
 - Motion to approve minutes by: Brandi Brumfield
 - Seconded by: Danielle Kesic

- Vote Count: Unanimous

5. Round 5 book presentation and recommendations - Information/Action:

Grade 10: *The Natural*

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

- Is it similar to the movie with Robert Redford? Not the same at all
- Is there another book that could be used with same intent instead that does not require yellow card?
 - Derogatory terms used in book could be a teaching moment for teachers as the language was the norm for the era it was written
 - Explicit material is not graphic
 - Some historical value to the book in terms of baseball
 - District already has the materials

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

- Grade 6: *Brave* (graphic novel) by Svetlana Chmakova
- Grade 6: *The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- Grade 6: *The Little Prince* by Antoine De Saint-Exupery
- Grade 6: *The Stonekeeper: Amulet #1* (graphic novel) by Kazu Kibuishi
- Grade 7: *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
- Grade 7: *Ghosts* (graphic novel) by Raina Telgemeier
- Grade 8: *American Born Chinese* (graphic novel) by Gene Luen Yang
- Grade 8: *Legend* (graphic novel) by Marie Lu

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 by Jonna Wallis

Dated this 22th day of February 2024