

Belton ISD SLAC Meeting Agenda and Minutes

September 30, 2025

SLAC Meeting 09.30.25

The members of the School Library Advisory Council met on September 30, 2025 at 10:00am in the Belton ISD Administration Building.

Voting Members Present:

Jen Sutton

Dayspring Fowley

Laura Kelley

Amanda Puffer

Ellen Burnett

Ciara McDonald via Google Meet

Other Members Present:

Gabi Nino

Julee Manley

Tammie Baggerly

Lori McLaughlin

Kari Eliason

Jenn Hoelscher

Nikki Cottrell

1. Welcome and Purpose

To establish and clarify the council's role in the purchase of library materials, review of books, and policies

2. Legislative Implication: Senate Bill 13 - Region 12 Guidance shared

Changes how the library materials are acquired and managed. The council questioned how book fairs fall into this law. Since those are a parent choice for

participation they do not. All PTA/PTOs are encouraged to partner with the librarian/digital information specialist on their campus for guidance.

3. ISBN issues related to Senate Bill 13

One title can have multiple ISBN numbers depending on the vendor/publisher. Books must now be reviewed if they are not sourced from the same vendor. The committee agreed to approve all ISBN numbers for a title.

4. BISD Collection Guidelines shared

Adhere to established standards from TSLAC. These guidelines were written by the BISD library services team and are continually updated to align with legislation.

5. Professional Review process shared

The importance of representation and diversity in library collections while also meeting collection guidelines. The vendors are creating systems to help meet the requirements of Senate Bill 13.

6 & 7. Book ordering process Lead Elementary and Secondary Librarian

The lead librarians walked the council through the book ordering process. All books we are considering purchasing must have two professional reviews, age, grade, and content that meets our guidelines.

8. Book List for purchase and vote

All agreed to move forward with the purchase. The vote was 5-0 in favor. The Council would like to receive the book list ahead of the meeting and have links to vendors/publishers for reviews.

9. Questions and Answers

How often will the committee meet? At least four times a year

What criteria will be used to evaluate the appropriateness of books for different age groups? The criteria will include age appropriateness, representation, and alignment with curriculum topics, which is outlined in the BISD Collection Guidelines..

How will the new purchasing process for library materials be communicated to parents? Lists of recommended new library materials for purchase must be

posted online for 30 days before they are considered for approval. This allows parents and the public to review the proposed acquisitions in advance. They are posted on the Library Services website.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025

10:00am- Belton Administration Building, Tiger Room