



Paradise Valley Unified School District | Meeting Minutes

Library Title Review Committee Meeting #1

November 17, 2025 | Library Title Committee Review Meeting #1, Virtual

Attendees: Debbie Arn, Linda Cleveland, Haley Kolseth, Michelle Oddo, Michelle Parker Rock, Amy Smith, Allan Walker, Heidi Winden, Dorothy Jokerst, Julie Blumenreich, and Shelly Edgar

Not in Attendance: Melchor Miranda and Carlie McEachern-Ko

Meeting Information

Date: November 17, 2025

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Meeting Location (Virtual)

Purpose of the Committee:

The Curriculum and Instruction Department will be facilitating a committee which will generate a list of book titles for Paradise Valley school libraries to purchase for school libraries. This process has been created to fulfill

[Arizona's HB 2439](#)

Outcomes of Today's Meeting:

- Review Arizona Law and PV's Process
- Review the Fall List of Titles for PVSchools
- Approve the Community Review for the PVSchools List of Titles

Agenda with Notes from the Meeting

I. Welcome

- A. Introduction of Facilitator
- B. Review Norms, Purpose of Committee, & Today's Outcomes
- C. Review Professional Agreements, & Roles
- D. Committee Member Introductions
- E. Open Meeting Law & Freedom of Information
- F. Communication to Stakeholders
- G. Review Timeline

Notes

- Shelly Edgar stated she would send out meeting minutes to stakeholders, including administration, teachers (PVEA), support staff (PBSA), parents (UPC president), and the community at large via the district website and marketing department

II. **School Library Law**

- A. Review Law
- B. Share 3 Main Components of Law
- C. Share How PVSchools has Met Each Component

Notes

- The law establishes three main points: a parent's right to view all available titles at a school site (now implemented as a digital list accessible to the entire community), a parent's right to see titles their child has checked out upon request, and the requirement for a 60-day review of book titles before they are placed on library shelves. The law only applies to new purchases from January 1, 2023, and does not require reviewing existing library materials
- The PV district conducts the 60-day review before purchasing books to avoid purchasing materials that might later be unused. Replacements for lost or damaged books that were already in the library system do not require the 60-day review. The district uses the Destiny system to keep track of books and ensures parents or guardians need their child's PV schools username and password to protect student information

III. **Our Process for this Committee**

- A. Review Timeframe
- B. Decision Making Checkpoints

Notes

- The committee process involves LMTs and principals submitting lists in September/October, the committee meeting in late October for initial approval, the 60-day community digital review in November/December, and a second committee meeting in January to review comments and finalize the vote. Titles are sourced primarily from LMTs based on student popularity and current academic needs, with input from book fairs, teachers, and students. The principal reviews the list and manages the school's finances

IV. **PV List of Titles for Community Feedback**

- A. Share How Lists Were Developed
- B. Review Feedback Form & How Access for Community
- C. Review Feedback Form and Access
- D. Review Fall List & Discussion of List

Notes

- The committee members were assigned a range of titles from the 1,575 books to review for typos and any concerning titles. Two titles, *Sunrise of the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins and *Alice in Zombieland* were mentioned as concerns. Both titles were recommended for K-6 elementary schools but suggested age ranges began at age 12 for *Sunrise of the Reaping* and age 13 for *Alice in Zombieland*. Also noted that *Sunrise of the Reaping* was listed by two middle schools for their 7-8 students.

- The committee will review these titles and vote to keep them on the list for the 60-Day Public Review or remove them from the list for the 60-Day Public Review. Voting will take place via email and Google Form. We are striving for a super majority vote of 80% agreement but will accept a majority agreement as well. Then the finalized list will be posted on the district committee website.

V. **Next Steps**

- A. Open Meetings & PVSchools
- B. Community Member Comments
- C. Next Meeting Information

Notes

- No Notes from this section