



School Library Advisory Council

11.19.25

Voting Members Present	Non-Voting Members Present
Ellen Burnett	Gabi Nino
Dayspring Fowler	Julee Manley
Amanda Puffer	Kari Eliason
Laura Carroll	Tammie Baggerly
Katherine Dickey	Nikki Cottrell
Jen Sutton	Jenn Hoelscher

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Purpose

The primary purpose of the committee meeting, which is community-oriented, was to look at the district's library services and to approve books for the next round of purchase.

More broadly, the committee itself serves several purposes stemming from Texas legislation:

- Comply with House Bill 900 and Senate Bill 13 : The committee is part of the guidelines required by these laws for the purchase of library materials.
- Provide Community Input (SLAC): The district is chosen to have a community-oriented committee that looks at library services.
- Evaluate Materials: The committee reviews the book lists and materials being purchased to ensure they meet the established collection guidelines, which mirror Texas guidelines, and to raise any concerns before they are approved and ordered.

2. Nominate and vote on chairperson

The committee held a vote on the chairperson.

Nominee: Ellen Burnett

Result: Approved

The administrator, Julee Manley, asked if there was a motion to approve Ellen's role as Chair, and the motion passed unanimously. The chairperson is responsible for taking the meeting through the process, including calling for a motion and a second when it comes time to vote. The administrator handles the rest of the leg work, such as compiling the agenda.

3. Reminder: Legislative Implications: Senate Bill 13 and HB 900

The legislative implications discussed in the meeting revolve around two specific Texas bills that affect the purchase and selection of library materials.

4. Reminder: BISD Collection Guidelines

5. Book list with professional reviews where appropriate and vote

The meeting minutes identified one book on the proposed purchase list that was questioned by a parent committee member:

Book Title	Level	Committee Action	Concern Raised
"A World Worth Saving"	Middle School	Motion to table passed (to allow three voting members to read it).	A parent found the book potentially divisive and felt it might leave the reader with a feeling of "us against them" and "more questions than answers."

The motion to approve the entire book list was tabled for this specific title, allowing three voting members to read "A World Worth Saving" before the committee takes a final vote on its inclusion. The other titles were approved with a unanimous vote.

6. Questions and Answers

1. Request for Earlier Access to Lists: One member responded to the time question by saying they prefer to see the list "as soon as possible".

2. Parent Communication and Technology: A parent brought up the issue of communicating the library catalog and restriction process to parents, which led to a discussion and proposal for two actions:

- Send out a Parent Square reminder detailing how to access the library catalog and limit specific titles.
- Create a video tutorial demonstrating the process for parents.

3. Who will read 'A World Worth Saving'?:

Amanda Puffer, Dayspring Fowler, Ellen Burnett, Jen Holcher, Laura Carroll, and Kari Eliason

A decision will be made at the February SLAC meeting.