Wharton ISD -- School Library Advisory Council (SLAC)

Official Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Time: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Educational Service Center, 2100 N. Fulton St, Wharton, TX 77488
Facilitator: Laura Grosser

Attendees: Olutunji Oduwole; Terri Mund; Shannon Sharpe; Catherine Hernandez; Dayna Zaharadnik; Michael Limas; Vickie Perkins; Monica Rath; Laura Grosser

Call to Order and Agenda

Mr. Oduwole greeted and welcomed the participants for joining the new School Library Advisory Council. He then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Grosser.
Mrs.Grosser proceeded to the agenda.

Legal Context and purpose (Senate Bill 13)

In response to Senate Bill 13 (SB13), the Board of Trustees established the SLAC to formalize a collaborative process among librarians, parents and community members in developing strong library collections that support student achievement and meet state standards.

SLAC Responsibilities

- Library materials: Review requests for purchases and donations; provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees
- Challenged materials: Review challenged resources; provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees

Procurement Process Overview

- Curation : Alignment with collection development plan, evaluate materials, and proceed to selection
- Criteria: Librarian usews a variety of criteria for placing books on the list including age and developmental appropriateness, cultural and socialsSensitivity, literary merit, community need, professional reviews, Vendor reviews , awards and recognition.
- Public review: Proposed lists are posted for at leat 30 days with adn English/Spanish feedback form; SLAC evaluates lists and input before making recommendations to the Board.

Timelines Overview

- Propsed lists must be posted for 30 days for public view
- Challenged Materials: SLAC must make recommendation within 90 days.

Action Items

- Selection of Chairperson for SLAC
    - Shannon Sharpe volunteered to Chair
    - Dayna Zahradnik volunteered as Vice Chair
- Acceptance of Proposed lists for Public View:
    - Shannon Sharpe motioned to accept
    - Dayna Zahadnik seconded
    - Voted passed unanimously

Clarifications

Voting membership: Parents of students enrolled in the district who are not employed by the district serve as voting members.

Non-voting membership: Teachers, librarians, cuonselors, administrators, community clergy and business members may serve as non-voting members.

Challenges: After consulting board policy, non-voting members may submit challenges.

Donations: Follow same 30 day posting and Board approval process unless they are the same ISBN as existing catalog entries.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2026

5:30 p.m. - 6:30p.m.

Meeting Adjourned