

Literature List Committee Meeting #1

Attendees: Ashley McLelland, Andrew Maldonado, Rachel Barzee, Debbie Arn, Beth LeBlanc, Carrie Haver, Geraldine Begasky, Laura Hill, Jen Martin, Mariah Barber, Melchor Miranda, Misty Hoyt, Shelly Edgar, Shannon Wood

Not in Attendance: Amy Smith, Jean Koepen, and Rebecca Guglielmo

Meeting Information

Date: February 3, 202

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm (Doors open at 3:50 p.m.)

Location: Paradise Valley District Office, District Training Center Room 1

Purpose of the Committee:

The purpose of this committee is to review any submitted titles and make a recommendation to the Governing Board to add new titles to the literature list as well retire titles to an inactive list through an agreed upon process with stakeholders.

Purpose of Today's Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- To share the literature list vetting and approval process and history of the list
- Review and consider any titles that have been submitted by teachers
- Review and consider a process for retiring titles currently on the literature list

Outcomes of Today's Meeting:

The outcomes will be:

- A shared understanding of the K-12 literature review process and history so that we can make clear recommendations and communicate our progress to stakeholders.
- A shared understanding of the initial vetting process and the sexually explicit content law (ARS 15-120.03)
- An initial discussion of each title in order to learn more about the texts
- An initial discussion of retiring titles and what the process could look like

Agenda

I. Welcome

- A. Review Norms, Timeline, and Stakeholder Roles
- B. Provide History of PVSchools Literature List
- C. Share initial vetting process

Notes: Beth LeBlanc and Shelly Edgar reviewed norms, purpose and today's outcomes. In addition they share the history of the PVSchool Literature List. Question: Have book titles ever been removed from the list? Answer: No, the literature list is over 30 years old and to date no book titles have been removed.

II. Discuss Sensitive Content vs Sexually Explicit Content

- A. Discuss the difference between sensitive and sexually explicit
- B. Review Sexually Explicit Law ARS 15-120.03

Notes: Beth LeBlanc and Shelly Edgar explained the AZ law regarding sexually explicit content and the difference between a title deemed sexually explicit or sensitive in content. They also shared information on PVSchools' process of determining sensitive or sexually explicit titles, and a discussion of what happens once a title is labeled sensitive or sexually explicit..

III. Review Any Submitted Titles Or Duplicate Titles

- A. Review Titles
- B. Discuss Titles and Next Steps

Notes: No new titles were submitted for addition to the Literature List for the 2026 Committee. There are several books that are listed at more than one grade level. Members of the group will read the books, and discuss which level they believe the book should be put on at our February 24th meeting.

IV. Discuss Creation of an Inactive List

- A. Discuss Possibility of Retiring Books
- B. Discuss Titles Currently Not in Print
- C. Determine Any Additional Criteria for Retiring Process

Notes: A list of titles no longer available to purchase through our vendors was given and discussed. The decision to ask teachers if they have and/or use these books was presented and consensus was reached to gather this data.

V. Next Steps

- A. Review future meeting schedule (Meeting #2 is 2/24/26)
- B. Option to read and research any titles being recommended

Notes: Next steps were reviewed

VI. Call to public and Questions

Notes: No public comments were given

Meeting Adjourned at 5:47