

Literature List Committee Meeting #2

Attendees: Ashley McLelland, Andrew Maldonado, Rachel Barzee, Debbie Arn, Beth LeBlanc, Christa Gedris, Laura Hill, Jen Martin, Julie Blumenreich, Mariah Barber, Melchor Miranda, Misty Hoyt, Shelly Edgar, Shannon Wood, and Jean Koeppen
Not in Attendance: Geraldine Belafsky, Rebecca Guglielmo, Carrie Haver

Meeting Information

Date: February 24, 2026

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 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 feedback on duplicate titles and where they belong on the Literature List.
- Review data collected about out-of-print, hard-to-find titles.
- Determine which texts the Committee will recommend for the Governing Board to consider moving to the retired list.

Outcomes of Today's Meeting:

The outcomes will be:

- A determination of which texts to recommend for the Governing Board to consider moving to the retired list pending community feedback.
- A determination of where texts listed at multiple grade levels should be placed.

Agenda

I. Welcome

- A. Review Norms, Timeline, and Stakeholder Roles
- B. Summary of Previous Meeting

Notes: Beth LeBlanc and Shelly Edgar reviewed norms, purpose and today's outcomes. In addition they reviewed information presented at Meeting #1

II. Discuss Duplicate Texts

- A. Duplicate title volunteer readers will discuss their findings as they relate to the rubric and the grade level they deem most appropriate for the title.

- B. Consensus will be reached for the final placement of duplicate texts.

Notes: Volunteer readers shared their insights into the book they read since our last meeting and gave their opinions on which level the text would be best suited for based on reading levels and educational standards.. A recommendation was made for each duplicate title and a Google form was sent to all committee members to vote on whether they agree with the recommendation or not. A super majority was reached to follow the recommendations suggested by the readers of the texts. In addition, a concern regarding a book on the literature list was discussed. A decision to have an additional reader read the book and provide additional information was made.

III. Review Data Collected for Out-of-Print Texts

- A. Review Elementary Title Data
- B. Review Secondary Title Data

Notes: Shelly and Beth went over the data collected from teachers about whether they had and/or used the out-of-print/hard-to-find texts. Information was also shared as to how many of each title teachers or the school library had available. Community members discussed the idea of moving titles that were not taught or not available to a retired list or indicating that the titles were “hard to find” or “out of print” on the literature list.

IV. Determine Final List for Community Review

- A. Review Criteria for Retiring Titles
- B. Committee Members will reach consensus on potential Retirement List
- C. Review 60-Day Community Review Process with Committee

Notes: The list of out-of-print/hard-to-find texts was given to committee members for a vote on whether to keep or to retire each title on the original hard to find/out of print list. The 60-day review process was shared and questions were answered. After voting on the retirement list, the committee clarified the procedural requirements for finalization. While a 60-day review was initially discussed, a closer look at the governing statutes confirmed this step is not legally mandated for these titles. The literature list will have the titles labeled as “hard to find / out of print”.

V. Next Steps

- A. Review future meeting schedule (TENTATIVE Meeting #3 is 4/14/26) and final meeting is 5/7/26
- B. Communicate with Stakeholders about 60-Day Community Review

Notes: The committee was reminded of a tentative meeting on 4/14 and asked to keep the hold on their calendar.. A decision will be made to keep or cancel the week approximately 1-2 weeks prior. Minutes will be communicated to the committee and stakeholders about this meeting and information will be shared with the Superintendent’s Cabinet and stakeholders regarding no need for a 60-Day Review since there are no new titles being recommended to be added.

Call to public and Questions

None

Meeting adjourned 6:01pm