



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Nov 08, 2022 - Workshop Agenda
Category	3. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE ITEMS
Subject	C. Donations of Supplemental Educational Resources
Access	Public
Type	Discussion

Public Content

As per Board Policy 702, the School Board approves donations which are considered to be supplemental education resources. The following supplemental educational resources have been donated to the District for use in our libraries.

The U.S. Constitution (pocket copies)
 Free to Speak (pamphlet)
 Identity: The Distinctiveness of You, by Steve Prokopchak
 Zombie Science by Jonathan Wells
 The College Scam by Charlie Kirk
 The Holy Bible (King James version)

Administrative Content

The administration is providing the following contextual information to assist the board in determining whether or not to accept these donations. Please direct all inquiries to Ms. Lalvani.

The district recently received the following four donations from community member, Tom Miller.

1. The U.S. Constitution (pocket versions)
 - a. The U.S. Constitution is a primary document that is frequently used in Social Studies classrooms throughout the district.
 - b. Using the U.S. Constitution in its original form aligns with district curriculum and PA standards.
2. Free to Speak (pamphlet)
 - a. We do not distribute pamphlets from outside organizations to students in the HS/MS IMC.
3. Identity: The Distinctiveness of You, by Steve Prokopchak
 - a. This book is promoted as a guide for adults who work with youth as a means for discovering one's identity through a study of Christian scriptures.
 - b. The book suggests that parents or teachers using the book should pre-read Chapters 10 & 11 to be sure they are age appropriate for the children or youth they are working with.
 - c. Chapters 10 & 11 contain references to sexual content, gender identity, and an alternate approach to transgenderism. Therefore, the book will be considered a "flagged" book if it is included in our collection.
 - d. Using school library reviewing and purchasing sources (Booklist, School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, and Titlewave), we were unable to find information on this book. Therefore, we are unable to determine a suggested age or grade level for use.
4. Zombie Science by Jonathan Wells
 - a. This book is a critique of the theory of evolution and Darwinism.
 - b. The book rejects scientific explanations for the origins of mankind, it argues that the mainstream scientific community has been corrupted, and it asserts that most biology textbooks contain factual errors in their presentation of the theory of evolution.
 - c. Using school library reviewing and purchasing sources (Booklist, School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, and Titlewave), we were unable to find information on this book. Therefore, we are unable to determine a suggested age or grade level for use.
5. The College Scam by Charlie Kirk
 - a. This book is a critique of higher education from a conservative, Christian perspective.
 - b. The author expresses concerns about what is taught in American colleges and universities, and asserts that higher education is promoting anti-American ideals, an indoctrination of America's youth in liberal ideology and "wokeness," and "brainwashing" by "left-wing" professors.
 - c. Using school library reviewing and purchasing sources (Booklist, School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, and Titlewave), we were unable to find information on this book. Therefore, we are unable to determine a suggested age or grade level for use.

The district recently received the following donation from community member, Alisha Runkle.

1. The Bible (King James version)
 - a. This book is the holy text used by Christians.
 - b. In addition to teaching the tenets of the Christian faith, this book contains sexual references and violence. Therefore, it will be considered to be a "flagged" book if it is adopted as part of our collection.
 - c. Using school library reviewing and purchasing sources (Booklist, School Library Journal, and Kirkus Reviews), we were unable to find information on this book. However, using Titlewave, we were able to find that this book has been rated as an adult book.