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US History Committee Board Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2021

At 7:00PM

Trustees:

Michelle Flynn
Dorothy Dobson
Lisa Holgreen
Amber Edelman
Zach Davis

Visitors

Josh & Nicole Webster
Matt Marshall
Helena Davis

Welcome- Dorothy 7:06 pm (What was the last thing you ate?)

Discussion of Davis School District “No Pride Flag in Classroom”

Although we may not have that problem, have we come across anything in state law about the flags. What law are they referring to?

Do flags such as BLM, Pride, Confederate, etc. make a political statement? Yes, they are not unifying.

Pledge [Zach Davis](#) 7:14 pm

Public Comment 7:16 No official Public Comment (We will allow open conversation during this committee meeting with visitors)

Discussion of Educational Equity Policy- Dive into R277-328-3(3) We don't necessarily have to approve the curriculum but rather approve the teachers are using it in a correct manner if the subject is of questionable/sensitive content. Should teachers bring sensitive material, like Uncle Tom's Cabin, to board? Make sure we add this to policy Instruction Policy?

Librarians approve the books, then to Jennifer if questionable, then the Board if more questionable. (Questionable=Negative portail of protected classes)

We do need some sort of policy (Instruction in American History/Civic & Character Ed) in place End Equity Policy with R277-328-5 (Ready for board)

Teachers need to stay neutral, double check that is in Equity policy.

Instructional Policy “what to do” where as Equity policy is “what not to do”

Discussion of “Portrait of a Graduate”

<https://www.schools.utah.gov/file/4b9d1341-ddaa-47bc-8052-f029e794d513>

Discussion: Teaching Practices in Instruction in American History Policy/Civic Character Ed. Dorothy- attended Webinar “What's the future of Social Studies”

How can we ensure all these standards are met as a Board? Social Studies is not tested so less money and time goes to it typically.

Amber- It marginalizes our students' perspective of social studies by not being a focus in schools.

So much respect for the teachers!!!! How do we include them in this Policy? We'd like them to be a part of the writing process from the beginning but not be feasible with time. Talk to Jennifer and Gwen about core standards.

Condensing the policies and simplifying it should hopefully help give guidance to teachers but maybe also making little committees within communities? or is inviting them to Committee meetings enough?

Maybe add a Civics portion to our structures policy? Where it becomes a part of the standard.

We should start the Instruction policy after we talk to Jennifer and Gwen and get their perspectives.

Michelle, pull straight from the code as a guidance policy in the meantime. Need by Oct 26,2021 for Dorothy and Amber's meeting. Reference codes R277-475, 53G-11-303, 53G-10-302,

Add "Communism" to Policy.

We missed a section in Pledge Flag Symbolism Policy "Abuse of Flag"

<https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title76/Chapter9/76-9-S601.html>

Need to add and bring back to board in October.

Schedule next Meeting for Oct 28, 2021 7pm

Motion to Adjourn: Lisa

Second: Zach

Unanimous AYE

Meeting Adjourned 8:54pm