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Royal Palm Beach Community High School

Jose I. Garcia, Principal

December 18, 2006

Dear I

The Royal Palm Beach Community High School Materials Review Committee met on Friday, December 15, 2006 to review your petition/book challenge request. The Committee recommendation is to decline your request for the following reasons:

1. Your opinion and personal philosophies we highly respect, however, as a public school facility we must abide by federal and State law as well as policies, and procedures of the School District of Palm Beach County, including Policy 8.12 and Directive D-8.122.
2. Library Bill of Rights - Subject to the criteria,
 - I. Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation.
 - II. Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
3. First Amendment of the Bill of Right to the United States Constitution, Subject to the criteria,
 - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceable to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.
4. School Board Policy D8.-122 #2a &c was not followed
 - a. Form PBSB 1113 "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials", Question #1 "To what do you object? (Be specific; cite pages, parts/excerpts)
Despite efforts to have you complete the forms by answering this question, you did not specify what portion of the book you found objectionable and thus your submitted forms were incomplete.

Sincerely,


Jose I. Garcia

cc: Dr. Janis Andrews, West Area Superintendent

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- (7) Reputation of the publisher/producer;
 - (8) Reputation and significance of the author/artist/producer, et al.;
 - (9) Timeliness or permanence;
 - (10) Quality format;
 - (11) Degree of potential user appeal;
 - (12) Valid, accurate, objective, up-to-date and appropriate information.
 - (13) Age level appropriateness.
- iii. The SMRC shall meet within ten (10) days from receipt by the principal of the complaint form.
 - iv. The SMRC may solicit and/or review comments from appropriate audiences or resource persons.
 - v. The principal will make the selection criteria available to interested persons.
 - vi. Within five (5) days after receipt of the SMRC recommendation, the principal shall render a written, final, school-level decision and forward same with the SRMC recommendation to the Superintendent, Area Executive Director, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Student Services and the party requesting the review.

3. District Level - Formal Appeal. The complainant may appeal the decision of the principal to the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the following provisions:

- a. The complainant shall notify the Superintendent in writing of the appeal (appellate) request.
- b. Within fifteen (15) days from receipt of such request, the Superintendent or designee will review the action taken at the school level and issue an appropriate decision. If the decision does not include further review, the complainant will be so notified and may request an appearance to appeal directly before the Board in accordance with Board Policy.

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MEDIA MATERIALS CHALLENGE MEETING
12/15/06

NAME	SIGNATURE
David Dangerfield	<i>DC Dangerfield</i>
Germaine Richards	<i>Richards</i>
Ginger Stroke	<i>Ginger Stroke</i>
Janeen Pelsler	<i>Janeen Pelsler</i>
Jason Williams	<i>Jason Williams</i>
Jose Garcia	<i>Jose Garcia</i>
Laura Lopez	<i>Laura Lopez</i>
Lucrecia Gamez	<i>Lucrecia Gamez</i>
Melissa Beller <i>Erica Sanchez</i>	Melissa Beller <i>Erica Sanchez</i>
Melissa Patterson	<i>Melissa Patterson</i>
Steve Gullo	<i>Steve Gullo</i>
Suzanne Ford	<i>Suzanne Ford</i>
Viviane Ross	<i>Viviane Ross</i>

Student

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Assistant Principals

Leo Barrett
Tanya Daniel
George Miller

Magnet Coordinator

Jane Grandusky

Principal

Ellen Van Arsdale

December 13, 2006

W/

Dear

As per our conversation, enclosed please find 35 copies of the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials form. Again, please note that specific pages or parts are required by the Palm Beach County School District.

You must return these completed forms within ten days of receipt of the forms. You indicated that your son would hand-deliver your request for an extension of the deadline. He has not yet dropped off this letter to my office in Bldg. 2.

Please be advised that you must comply with the ten day guidelines, if you fail to submit the letter requesting an extension.

Sincerely,

Ellen Van Arsdale, Principal

C: Tanya Daniel, Assistant Principal
George Miller, Assistant Principal
Cookie Davis, Media Specialist



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Notes from phone conference with [redacted] on 12-12-06 @4:50 PM

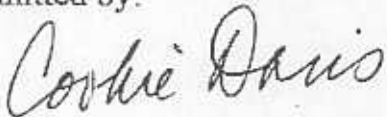
Ellen VanArsdale

w/ George Miller, Assistant Principle & Cookie Davis, Media Specialist

[redacted] answered and put us on hold. When she returned to the phone, Mrs. Van Arsdale asked if she was recording the phone call. [redacted] replied that she was not recording.

Mrs. Van Arsdale stated that she had reviewed the Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials submitted by [redacted] and stated that [redacted] did not include specific information about books that could be used in a review process with a committee. [redacted] asked if she would have to do it over? She said that she spent hours on preparing the forms and was very busy with looking for a job, taking care of 3 kids and also neighbors who were in the hospital. Mrs. VanArsdale said she would send her new forms and she would need to find specific passages that were objectionable. She will have ten days to return the forms. [redacted] stated that it would be difficult to do that in 10 days. Mrs. Van Arsdale suggested that she send a written request with a signature to get an extension of time. She could send it to school with [redacted]. Mrs. VanArsdale asked if [redacted] was aware of the process because she did not want to make [redacted] a part of it unless [redacted] knew about his mother's request. [redacted] said that [redacted] was aware of her involvement in the process. Mrs. Van Arsdale explained that a committee would be formed according to district guidelines---no more, no less---to meet with her and discuss her objections. Mrs. Van Arsdale reiterated that there must be specific references to passages or parts in the books. The forms will be sent first thing in the morning on 12/13/06.

Submitted by:



Cookie Davis, Media Specialist

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Royal Palm Beach Community High School


Jose I. Garcia, Principal

December 8, 2006

Dear

We are in receipt of your "Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials" forms. A meeting will be held with the school ad hoc committee on Friday, December 15, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room.

Sincerely,



Jose I. Garcia
Principal

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