2019-21 MS ENGLISH LITERATURE SELECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA & NOTES

2/26/20; District Office – Room A; 4:00 to 7:00 pm

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AG	GENDA ITEM	NO	TES
1.	Welcome → Please sit with your reading group!	000	Sign in Folders Dinner
2.	Approve the agenda	Age	Approve or edit the agenda enda was approved
3.	Revisit and deepen understanding of text complexity		What does the Common Core say? Three factors of text complexity: Quantitative, qualitative and task & reader considerations Practice determining text complexity: <i>The Great Fire</i> and an Informational Text – Qualitative Measures Rubric
	10-Minute Break	1	
4.	Reading Groups: Analyze revised PAUSD Lit Lists for gaps (using filters in TeachingBooks)		ading groups report on holes in: 6 th -grade list 7 th -grade list 8 th -grade list mments: The reading groups noticed the following Groups noted overall that text complexity was a little low (on average) for each grade level; 6 th -grade: missing sci fic/graphic novels, which is what students requested in survey 8 th grade: missing LGBTQ, Asian-American, graphic novels 7 th grade: too much historical fiction (half of books are historical fiction) Also groups noted that filters on TeachingBooks were not flawless. More female characters, for example, than TeachingBooks is saying
5.	Adding New Titles: Reminders		Resources for finding new titles: Teacher Summer Reading Recommendations Awards Lists, Book Lists, etc. from CDE Titlewave – Book reviews and more TeachingBooks – Browse by various categories Process once you have found a possible new title: Talk to reading group. Possibly – solicit second opinion Read reviews on book (Titlewave) Put new title through our vetting tool Record new title in our spreadsheet
6.	Reading Groups: Work Time		Finish vetting books on PAUSD Lit List (if necessary) Continue vetting new titles
7.	Reading Groups: Wrap Up		Process and Next Steps Process Questions: Sequels: Just add the book you are really recommending. Don't include sequels. Vetting: If we read a book and we don't like it, don't vet it. However, do keep a list of everything (including books that we don't recommend), so we don't duplicate our work Multiple grade levels: If more than one grade-level really

	likes the book, what do we do? - Maybe the first person to read and like the book, vets it (using the tool) - Getting grade-level perspective: why is a recommender suggesting a particular grade level for this book? This would be good to document somewhere. - Come up with a column heading to show that we've read and liked a book, but haven't vetted it because it's already been vetted - Maybe we combine the new titles in one sheet in our spreadsheet with some new column headings? - Facilitator will work out a process and share it with the group at the next meeting
8. Agenda Items for Next Meeting	 ✓ Revisit building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction: Librarians could pull applicable topics If we can tie the nonfiction to what students are learning anyway, that would be nice Access & Support Reading group work time: Continue to vet new titles Other?
9. Thank you and good-bye!	☐ Take any handouts you would like to keep ☐ Please return your folders! ☺

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 25, 4:00-7:00 District Office – Room A