



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

March 2, 2022

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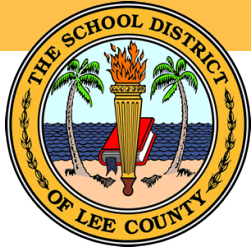
Curriculum Resource Room

AGENDA

- Review of Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Process
- Challenged Materials
 - Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
 - Killing Mr. Griffin
- Good of the Order

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Committee Response Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials

Committee Meeting Date: March 2, 2022

Date Challenge to Instruction and/or Media Materials Form Received: Per Ad Hoc committee, a recommendation was made January 24, 2022, to review the email from [REDACTED] (sent 10/14/21) with a list of materials, reviewed by the Florida Citizens Alliance, based upon citation of objections referencing violation of State Statute FS 847.012. No form was officially submitted for individual books.

NOTE: To be in compliance with Board Policies, complainant submitted a Challenge Form. See pages 5-6 of this response document.

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Challenged Material: Killing Mr. Griffin by: Lois Duncan

Complainant: Book is being challenged per FS 847.012.

Decision:

- Recommend continued use of challenged material as instructional materials and for media circulation
- Recommend continued use for media circulation only
- Recommend continued use for instructional purposes only
- Recommend continued use of challenged material with the following guidelines:

- Recommend to discontinue use of challenged material during instruction and remove from media circulation





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Additional Comments and/or Notes:

While this book is in media circulation, it is not included in current district curriculum or coursework. Parents may exercise their parental rights within the Parent Bill of Rights and submit an individual request to their child's school for an alert to be placed on the child's Destiny account, identifying the book as prohibited for media checkout.



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Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction

Elementary Coordinator of Mathematics

Secondary Coordinator of Reading

School-based Administrator Representative

Diversity & Inclusion Representative

Curriculum Advisory Representative

Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Director of Elementary School Curriculum & Instruction

Coordinator for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials - Facilitator

Content Specialist for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials - Recorder



Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Material

School or District: Lee County Public Schools Date: June 15, 2022

Please check type of instructional material:

Book: _____ AV (Video, CD, etc.): _____ Other (Identify): _____

Title: Killing Mr. Griffin

Author: Lois Duncan

Publisher or Producer: _____

Request initiated by name: [REDACTED]

Student Name: N/A

Telephone Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]

It is expected that the material in question has been read, viewed, or listened to in its entirety. Please complete the following questions. If insufficient space is provided, attach additional sheets.

(Please sign your name to each additional attachment)

1. What brought this material to your attention? Public Records Request

2. Did you examine the entire material? No If not, what parts did you examine? Selected Excerpts

3. To what in the material do you object? (Please be specific. Cite pages, film sequence, etc.)
Kidnapping, murder, drug use, lying, disrespect, animal cruelty, creating an alibi, the list goes on...

4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?
This book has no socially or morally redeeming values.

5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?
With School violence the way it is today, I believe this will serve as an incentive for more

6. For what age group would you recommend this material? 18+

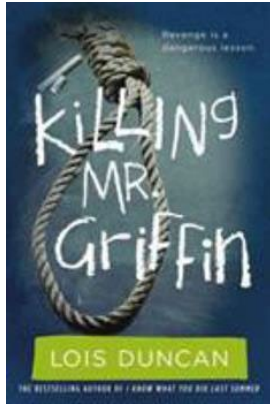
7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material? NO

8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. No

9. What would you like the school or district to do about this material? Check your choice.
 Do not assign it to my child
 Other (Please explain) Tag the book to alert the parent to the potential objectionable nature of the book.

[REDACTED] June 20, 2022
Signature of Objector Date (M/D/Y)

Please submit to the school principal for review.



7 on the FLCA Report

Killing Mr. Griffin by Lois Duncan sends a completely wrong and totally unacceptable message to children... Chapter 1 of Killing Mr. Griffin begins by teaching disrespect for the authority of a particular teacher and even confrontational behavior. This is a totally inappropriate message for any age in school much less elementary or middle school. This leads us to the second chapter and the plot to kill Mr. Griffin, the school teacher, thus the title of the book. Did you hear that... A premeditated and detailed plan to kill a school teacher. The central theme of the book is so horrific, you miss the numerous other references to topics like animal cruelty (setting a cat on fire at school), drug use, lying, kidnapping, torture, and I could go on. This should be enough for you to know that this book is deplorable and should never be offered in a government run school!