



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

April 5, 2022

10:00 AM

Curriculum Resource Room

AGENDA

- Review of Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Process
- Challenged Materials
 - More Happy Than Not by A. Silvera
 - The Family Book by T. Parr
 - Truth About Alice by J. Mathieu
- Good of the Order

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Committee Response Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials

Committee Meeting Date: April 5, 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 4-5 of this response document.

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Challenged Material: More Happy Than Not by: Adam Silvera

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:
This book is approved for media circulation only at school sites serving 9th – 12th grade students. In addition, this book is only approved for ninth grade and beyond.
- 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.

Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Director of Elementary School Curriculum & Instruction

Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction

Secondary Coordinator of Reading

School-based Administrator Representative

Diversity & Inclusion Representative

Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

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: More Happy Than Not

Author: Adam Silvera

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.)
See attached report, anal, oral, and multiple sex partners as young as 14...

4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?
Whatever the theme it does not belong in school.

5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?
While this may be an appropriate read for some, it is not appropriate for all families.

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

7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material?
Possibly, but the graphic content takes away from anything else.

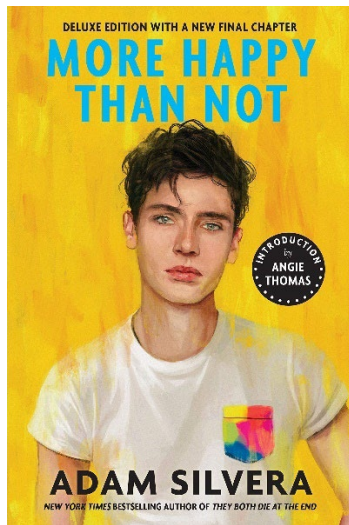
8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. No

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 Signature]
Signature of Objector

June 21, 2022
Date (M/D/Y)

Please submit to the school principal for review.



32 on the FLCA Report

More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera

Pg. 19, Fuck all that. I boned a bunch of girls just so I could get off and get better.

Pg. 167, There're talking about how to get a girl wet with only fingers and how you don't need a condom if you're hitting it from the back.

Pg. 176, Brendan runs up to me. Yo! Yo! I just got my first blow job!

Pg. 176, She thinks Kyle is cuter because he's coming into his mustache, but I talked a good game and go into her pants. I am a god! I pat his back. Good job dude. Good job.

Pg. 182, Collin has already lost both of his virginities. He got it on with this girl Suria when he was fourteen, after she gave him a hand job under the bleachers in the gym Then he let this guy plow him last year when he was vacationing in the Poconos. I still have both my virginities. I've only gotten as far as groping with Genevieve. I want to take it to the next level with Collin.

Pg. 183. I shove him and he shoves me back. I tackle him against the wall, unbuttoning his shirt, and it's all condoms and awkward memories from there.

Pg. 237, We crawl through the open spot in the fence into the side where history is pulsating with memories of our first time, second time, third time... you get it... coming back to undo my belt buckle... I pull him into a rough kiss and I don't doubt that whenever he's kissing Nicole he's pretending she's some other guy – maybe even me – and as I kiss him now I pretend he's someone else, and it is so fucking sad. He hands me a condom and I rip open the wrapper with my teeth.