



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 5-6 of this response document.

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Challenged Material: The Family Book by: Todd Parr

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 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: The Family Book

Author: Todd Parr

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.

4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?
The theme is good overall.

5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?
Creates questions about gender and sexuality at an age that the reader is not mature enough to process.

6. For what age group would you recommend this material?
At any age that the parent feels it is appropriate for their own child. This is not the school's call.

7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material? Yes, for the right family.

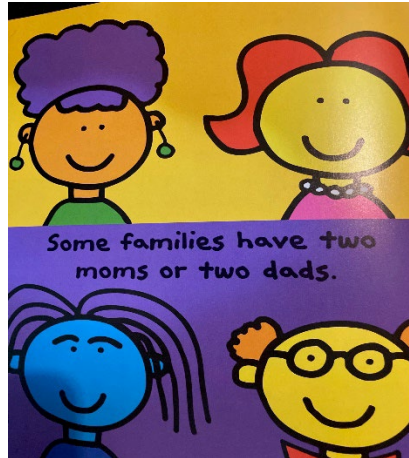
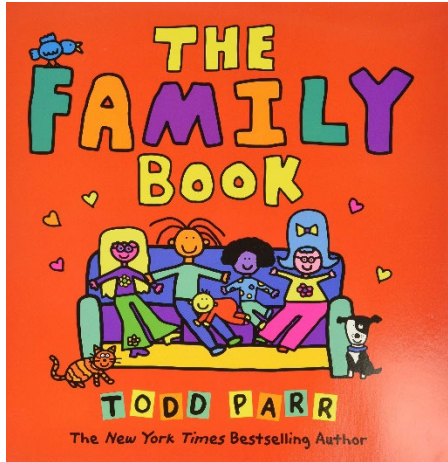
8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. No

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.



39 on the FLCA Report

“The Family Book” by Todd Parr is actually a very good book designed to appeal to the 4-5 year old market. Every page is colorful and attracts the eye of the reader, even the page that I took a picture of which says “Some families have two moms or two dads”. Not pornographic, but read to a 4 or 5 year old that is being raised by parents of faith is totally inappropriate. Why ruin an otherwise good book by introducing this concept at such an early age?