

Organization of 2010 Committee to Review Challenge to state-approved high school textbook, “World History: Patterns of Interaction”

As School Board policy 4.30 (Challenged Materials) stipulates, “the Superintendent shall designate the Instructional Materials Manager as being responsible for the organization of this review committee...

“The following shall serve as a review committee for secondary schools:

1. The chairperson of (a) School Advisory Council or designee;
2. Secondary media specialist;
3. Secondary principal;
4. A curriculum supervisor;
5. Three (3) instructional staff members at the secondary level; and
6. Two (2) parents of secondary age students.”

While the board policy stipulates that the committee members shall meet the above descriptions, it does not further designate that the members shall have certain specific “academic credentials.” However, in response to the complainant’s request for such credentials of the committee members, the Communications Department is providing information below about the members, where applicable, including degrees earned, teaching and administrative experience, etc.

Organizer/facilitator of Committee:

Dr. Sharon Richert
Supervisor, Media and Instructional Materials
Curriculum & Instruction Department, Sarasota County Schools
BA, Education, Rowan University
MA, Media, University of Central Florida
PhD, Curriculum & Instruction, University of Central Florida

Chairperson of a School Advisory Council:

Wayne Dictor, Booker High SAC

Secondary Media Specialist:

Kristi Alexander, North Port High
BA, Political Science/French, Auburn University
MS, Library and Information Services, Florida State University
Teaching/instructional media experience includes:
 Exceptional Student Education teacher, Charlotte County Schools
 French teacher, North Port High School
 Media Specialist, North Port High School

Secondary Principal:

Dr. George Kenney, North Port High
EdD, Educational Leadership, Nova Southeastern University
28 years as teacher and administrator

Curriculum supervisor:

Bernadette Bennett

K-12 Social Studies program specialist, Curriculum & Instruction Department

Curriculum & Instruction Department, Sarasota County Schools

BA, Elementary Education, University of South Florida

MA, Curriculum & Instruction, National-Louis University

Three (3) instructional staff members:

1. Roger Bone, Venice High

BA, Florida State University Government, International Affairs

BA, Social Studies Education, University of South Florida

J D, Florida State University School of Law

Teaching experience/certifications/endorsements include:

Gifted teaching endorsement

Certified Social Studies 6-12

Taught in Sarasota County Schools, 2003-present

Attended institutes on the holocaust and genocide at Florida Holocaust Museum

Teaches Honors World History and Advanced Placement World History

2. Juan Espara, North Port High

BS, Political Science, Florida State University

MA, Education-Interdisciplinary Studies, National-Louis University

Experience includes:

Teacher's Aide, Southside

Teacher, World History and Geography, Venice High

Teacher, Social Studies, North Port High

3. Kathleen VandeRee, Pine View

BA, Anthropology, University of South Florida

MA, Anthropology, University of North Carolina

Teaching experience includes:

Hawkeye Institute of Technology, Waterloo, IA, Adult Education,

“Evolution of Women's Roles”

Manatee Community College, Anthropology

Teacher, Social Studies, high school level, Pine View School

Teacher, Grade 5, Pine View

Two (2) parents of secondary age students:

1. Andrew Dremann, North Port High

2. Rebecca Lamb, North Port High