

NJLA Intellectual Freedom Subcommittee

3-10-2023 meeting minutes

In attendance: Judith Pissano (chair), Jen Fitzgerald, Carol Phillips, Kiana Kirby, Leah Kloc, Kiersten Paine, Kate McGivern

School took the book "The Bluest Eye" out of the curriculum without following proper procedures because a couple of parents were upset. Teachers now fear for their job stability.

Judith submitting for Honors & Awards for these teachers. She wrote something up and emailed it. Review and comment if you have changes. If she doesn't hear back, then she will submit.

Fight for the First: learned that there's no privacy settings on that platform for petitions.

Executive Board update:

- Brett Bonfield the new executive director. Might start mid-March

Public Policy update:

- None this month

Meeting room policy/template:

- Still pending
- Judith will share the document she is working on
- Hoping to get this done by June at the latest

NJLA conference:

- Request a committee table?
 - Yes, even if just put informational flyers out (such as hopefully the new meeting room policy), can try to "staff" at times with committee members
- Submit a proposal for the poster session?
 - Maybe. Perhaps something on book challenges this past year.

EveryLibrary partnership with us, NJASL, and LibraryLink for a web landing page on IF issues. MOU is in progress. Need to figure out details, like how donations are handled and how data is secured.

Listserv issues for our IF committee? Judith will send out a test email soon so ensure everyone is getting emails.

Chip from our committee is running for NJLA Executive Board. Judith's tenure on the Executive Board ends in June and she's not running again this time.