School Library Advisory Council Meeting
October 27, 2026 (1st Fall meeting)
Minutes (taken by Dr. Malia A. Perez)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Malia Perez at approximately 5:17pm.

In Attendance: Dr. Robert Wooster (community member), Andrea Martinez (librarian at JFK Elementary), Tawnya Denkeler (librarian at West Oso High School), Dr. Malia A. Perez (librarian at West Oso Junior High School). Dr. Malia Perez informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded per SB 13 and district policies.

Pledges: both pledges were conducted

Introductions were conducted for all present. Quorum was established with voting members present.

Review of norms occurred. All council members should be professional, courteous, and ask questions if needed. Community members are volunteers, and we are all working together to ensure West Oso ISD libraries have age-appropriate books that serve and represent all students at West Oso ISD.

Overview of the SB 13 process and how it relates to our book purchasing process was briefly discussed, including reviewing the process of the book lists and next steps for approval processes (SLAC approval, posting of approved lists for public review, School Board approval; books can be tabled if needed and brought to the next meeting to allow time for council members to read them for discussion/approval as needed).
Dr. Malia Perez asked if anyone had any questions about the process or SB 13. No questions were presented.

The West Oso ISD Library Lists were displayed for viewing and reference on the Smart TV in the library. All campus lists and the Sora (e-book) list were accessible.

The JFK Elementary library list was reviewed first. Ms. Andrea Martinez, librarian at JFK Elementary, gave a brief overview of her book selections. Dr. Wooster said he enjoyed seeing the Little Golden Books on her list. Dr. Malia Perez asked the committee if there were any questions or concerns about any books/titles on the JFK Elementary book list. No questions or concerns for this list were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Tawyna Denkeler to approve the JFK

Elementary Library Book List. Dr. Robert Wooster seconded the motion. All in favor. No oppositions. JFK Elementary Library list was approved in its entirety.

West Oso Elementary library list was reviewed next. Ms. Adrianna Quezada, the librarian at West Oso Elementary, was not able to make it due to being ill. But she did send an email stating, “The majority of my books are pretty much picture books, easy readers, early chapter books, and maybe a few chapter books.” Mrs. Quezada asked that we call her with any questions or concerns. Dr. Wooster said he enjoyed seeing the “I Survived Series” included on her list. He asked if we could please let her know that he was happy to see those on her list. Dr. Malia Perez said yes and shared that the kids love those books even at the Junior High Level. Dr. Malia Perez asked the committee if there were any questions or concerns about any books/titles on the West Oso Elementary library book list. No questions or concerns for this list were presented. Motion made by Ms. Andrea Martinez to approve the West Oso Elementary Library Book List. Dr. Robert Wooster seconded the motion. All in favor. No oppositions. West Oso Elementary Library list was approved in its entirety.

West Oso Junior High list was reviewed. Dr. Malia Perez gave an overview of the book titles on the list. She explained that her list was longer because she received a grant, and this was the amount that was specified for the first part of the grant. She also explained that a few titles at the beginning of the list were listed as YA, but under the reviews, one might have it listed as 7th-12th, and another might have it listed as 5th-8th, but that was taken into consideration as to why those titles were on the list. She stated that those titles could be tabled or removed if it was needed. Dr. Robert Wooster said he appreciated the reviews that were provided. He said they were very helpful. Ms. Denkeler said that she loved seeing the Goosebumps titles. Dr. Robert Wooster asked about the America Debate Series. Dr. Malia Perez pulled the series up on the Smart TV to show the council the books/series. She briefly discussed the books in the series and said these could be used by students to learn factual information on topics such as Civil Liberties, Terrorism, Stem Cell Research, Global Warming, and Immigration. She stated those book titles are listed for grades 5th - 8th. Dr. Robert Wooster said that he had never heard of those titles but thought they were a good addition. Dr. Malia Perez asked if there were any other questions or concerns about these books. None were presented. Dr. Malia Perez asked the committee if there were any questions or concerns about any books/titles on the West Oso Junior High book list. No questions or concerns for this list were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Tawyna Dekeler to approve the West Oso Junior High Library Book List. Dr. Robert Wooster seconded the motion. All

in favor. No oppositions. The West Oso Junior High Library list was approved in its entirety.

The West Oso High School Library list was the last campus-specific list to be reviewed. Mrs. Tawyna Denkeler gave a brief overview of the high school library list. She said that her list included memoirs and Non-Fiction and that those titles are books that her library needs. She also stated that they are expensive, so her list was not very long. Dr. Malia Perez asked if there were any other questions or concerns about the books on the West Oso High School Library list. None were presented. Motion made by Dr. Robert Wooster to approve the West Oso High School Library Book List. Ms. Andrea Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor. No oppositions. The West Oso High School Library list was approved in its entirety.

Dr. Malia Perez explained that these lists will go to the Superintendent for the board to review and to be placed online for the public to view. If there are no objections from the community or the school board and if the school board approves our lists, then the librarians can order their lists once the process is complete. She also talked briefly about the next meeting/time.

Mr. Robert Wooster asked about the Sora listing and how they were chosen. Dr. Malia Perez explained that Sora is an app that we use for our e-books and that these are the titles that were chosen and sent over by Region 2 (ESC-2), our Education Service Center. She explained that they (ESC-2) have a team that also has to follow SB 13, and their board of directors also has to review the titles and approve them before they are uploaded into Sora. Mrs. Tawyna Denkeler added that we can ask for any title to be removed if we feel that it is not needed for our students. Dr. Robert Wooster asked if Sora/e-books are something all students have access to. Dr. Malia Perez said that all students, Kinder through 12th grade, are 1-to-1 with Chromebooks and have access to Sora when they log into their Clever accounts. Pre-K students only have access to tablets but not directly to Sora. Dr. Perez said she did not know if that had changed or not and asked Ms. Andrea Martinez, who confirmed Pre-K classes only had access to the tablets, not Chromebooks. It was added that their teachers have access to Sora. Dr. Robert Wooster asked if the teachers push Sora. He asked if there was a way we can monitor or see the usage. We, the librarians, said yes. Dr. Malia Perez told him that at the Junior High they do, especially if kids are finished reading their books. Mrs. Tawyna Denkeler added that it is used a lot by the Adaptive Education Unit at the high school. She explained that there is a Dyslexia-Friendly text feature where the text can be changed to help students with dyslexia so it is

easier for them to read. She added that Sora was used more by the high school students when we did not have the phone ban, but she has helped students, even teachers, put it on their phones and/tablets so they can read e-books. Dr. Malia Perez asked the committee if there were any questions or concerns about any books/titles on the Sora e-book list. No questions or concerns for this list were presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Tawyna Dekeler to approve the West Oso ISD Sora e-book List. Ms. Andrea Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor. No oppositions. The West Oso ISD Sora e-book Library list was approved in its entirety.

A brief discussion was held about the next meeting and when district librarians will have their next book list ready for review. Librarians will have their next book list ready to submit to Dr. Malia Perez by Friday, December 11, 2026. Dr. Malia Perez will share the same book list with the Superintendent's office and all West Oso ISD School Library Advisory Council Members for review on Monday, December 14, 2026 in preparation for our next School Library Advisory Council meeting in January 2027.

Items to be put on next meeting's agenda

1. Review and discuss West Oso ISD Librarians' Spring Book List for possible approval. One for each campus and any additions for new e-books.

Next steps: Dr. Malia Perez will send minutes, sign-in sheet, and an additional copy of the WOISD Library Purchase list in an email to the Superintendent's office on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, by the end of the school day.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2027 at 5:30 PM (tentatively scheduled pending additional feedback from council members). Dr. Malia Perez will create and share out meeting reminders once the date and time are finalized.

No further questions, comments, or discussion items were presented.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:38 PM by Dr. Malia Perez.