

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMMITTEE**Thursday – April 30, 2009****4:00 – 5:00 pm, Conference Room 212****MEETING MINUTES**

- Welcome: Jim called the meeting to order at 4:07

Members Present: Cindy Backstrom, Nicole Talley, Linda Miller, Jean Prochaska, Jim Facciano, Ann Reed

Guest: Shawn Doan

- Shawn Doan, Sehome High School request for consideration of non-basic instructional material A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson/Broadway Books. Shawn shared information on his request for the book noted above. He noted that he did not find any errors in the book in science fact or theory and highly recommends the book for classroom use. He noted that Sehome students read well, but not necessary read technical and non-fiction texts well. The committee reviewed Shawn's written evaluation. The members voted to approve the book for non-basic use.
- Ronda Breault, request for consideration of Social Reform Programs presentation materials/DVD. Jean reviewed the DVD request noting that it is sponsored by Scientology group. Ann noted that the Library program already denied on the separation of church and state and if we allow one group in, we will need to every group into our schools. It doesn't fit into our curriculum and will not be free from bias. The committee voted to reject the DVDs based on the goals of Policy 2311 concerning selection of curricular materials.
- Janet Diener, request for consideration of supplemental instructional video HealthBEATS HIV by ETR Associates. Jean Prochaska reported on the video requested by Janet Diener. There is a need to update the materials we currently have at the high school level. Jean suggested that we need to view the video before we approve it. The issue seems to be the length of the video that runs about 25 minutes. The members viewed portions of the video and noted that it did seem a bit long. The members suggested that the nurses and counselors keep looking for another resource. The members also suggested discarding the currently video in use and rotate the remaining videos to avoid repetition.
- Bellingham School Nurses request for consideration of supplemental instructional DVD AIDS: Facts for Kids by Marsh Media Jim reported on this resource and the reviews provided by the school nurses in support of this resource. The resource was approved by OSPI. Jean suggested that we recommend the nurses retire the older version that is currently in use. The members approved the selection of the resource.
- Meeting adjourned 4:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Reed, Secretary