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Val used in freshmen campus, approved

Committee of teachers and administrators, vet and use a rubric to evaluate and narrow down selections, pick top 4 or 5, vetting and deliberations, field testing or pilot top choice for a shortened period. Based on results there is a community review, members look at resource and provide feedback. Committee reviews community feedback, instructional materials committee for procedural compliance – make recommendation to board and they do 2 readings, on 2nd they approve or deny. Anthem was adopted many years ago prior to tenure of current Executive Director.

Feel better, I hope to put together a group of teachers who can look at our current listing of novels and current resources, maybe need to add or remove from the list. Looking at diversifying our resources, the closure has interrupted that work, but hope to resume.

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In the meantime, I want to echo the same sentiment that Mr. Sandstrom has already shared. Exposing our students to many perspectives and discussing controversial issues is crucial in their intellectual development. I am confident in our teaching staff to do this in a professional and sensitive manner. Discussing Ayn Rand is not meant to hurt or alienate students, rather provide context for her writing and it's role on society.

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