

## Reconsideration Committee Report

February 18, 2014

A "Request for Reconsideration of Library Media Center Materials" was submitted for Daughter of Smoke and Bone by Laini Taylor. The Reconsideration Committee met on February 18, 2014 to discuss the book. The committee was made up of:

Jane Lenser, District Media Specialist; Heather Walsh, North Boone High School assistant principal; Matt Klett, North Boone Middle School assistant principal; Ashley Boyer, North Boone Middle School English teacher; Harriet Roll, community member; Allison Baxter, high school student; and Rachel Abraham, high school student.

All committee members read the entire book as well as a variety of reviews published in professional selection aids and discussed the book as a whole. The committee's recommendation is to keep the book in the North Boone Middle School Library. The committee felt that the book was selected in accordance with the criteria outlined in the district's Media Handbook and that there is an appropriate audience within the middle school level. The committee agreed that the book contained good messages and was substantive. The "sexual references, violence, and bad language" referred to in the Request for Reconsideration" form was determined to be fairly mild and appropriate to the characters in their place and time. Several committee members wanted to read the sequel since they enjoyed reading the first book so much. The committee decided that the book should not be **required** classroom reading at North Boone Middle School

The committee recognized the important role that parents play in helping determine if a library item is appropriate for their child and encourages them to do so. To that end, the committee recommended that the library staff require a signed parent permission slip if a student wishes to borrow an item that is not owned by his/her school library, but is available at the school library at a higher level within the district. Library staff will print reviews of the item from professional journals when possible to include with the permission slip to assist the parents in making an informed decision for their child.