



Washoe County School District School Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2022

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the School Naming Committee was called to order at 5:31 p.m. in the WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 E. Ninth Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Committee Members Lisa Loader, Coleen Cook, Jeromy Ivie, Edwin Lyngar, Frank Perez, Ashley Van Brocklin were present at roll call. Bonnie Gaskin, Scott Benton, Christiana Frank and Victor Sherbondy were absent at roll call. Staff Liaison, Samantha Fredrickson, was also present.

2. Items for Discussion, Presentation and/or Action

2.01 Possible Action to Approve the minutes of the February 2, 2022 School Naming Committee Meeting

Motion from Edgar Lyngar to approve the February meeting minutes. Second by Ashley Van Brocklin. Motion carried unanimously.

2.02 Discussion and Possible Action on Semi-Finalist Name Submissions for the New Elementary School In Southeast Reno (see Attachment A to the Agenda for a list of those names), the community responses to those semi-finalists, and the creation of a finalist list of no more than three names based on individual rankings of committee members to be recommended to the Board of Trustees.

Ms. Fredrickson discussed the semi-finalist survey results and outreach efforts with the committee.

Committee member Edgar Lyngar suggested eliminating the name suggestions that received significantly less votes than others, as well as some geographical names. Ms.

Fredrickson explained that by each committee member providing their top three choices, that naturally, the less popular name suggestions would be eliminated.

2.02 Public Comment

Public Comment was made by Tom Cates, Leo Roysdon, Anna Veltri, and Hank Vanderbeek. These individuals spoke in favor of JWood Raw.

Public Comment was made by Bill Henderson and Tim Henderson. They spoke in favor of Sessions "Buck" Wheeler.

Public Comment was made by Scott Cunningham who spoke in favor of his father A. Lynel Cunningham.

Committee members discussed and then gave their individual point rankings for their top three finalists: three points for their top pick, two points for their second place pick, and one point for their third place pick. Ms. Fredrickson tallied points. The top three choices in order were JWood Raw, Sessions "Buck" Wheeler and Rio Wrangler. This was a non-binding point total allowing discussion from the committee.

Motion by Frank Perez, second by Ashley Van Brocklin, to forward the names JWood Raw, Sessions "Buck" Wheeler and Rio Wrangler to a future meeting of the Board of Trustees for final consideration for the name of the new elementary school in Southeast Reno. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Closing Items

3.01 Public Comment

There was no public comment given.

3.02 Announcement of Next Meeting

Committee Chair, Lisa Loader, announced that the committee will be taking a break for now. The next meeting will be scheduled later, once a new school site has been determined.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Chair Lisa Loader adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

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