



Washoe County School District School Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2019

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the School Naming Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m. in the WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 E. Ninth Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Committee Members Frank Perez, Renee Martin, Alyson Castro, Clyyne Cook, Carly Lott and Scott Benton were present at roll call. Victor Sherbondy, Mercedes de la Garza, Jennifer Hampton and Elizabeth Genasci were absent at roll call. Staff Liaison, Riley Sutton and WCSD Legal Counsel, Neil Rombardo were also present.

1.03 Public Comment

Jim Barkley brought up perceived issues with the Community Ranking Survey process.

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda

Motion from Carly Lott and second by Frank Perez to adopt the agenda. The result of the vote was unanimous: Pass (Yea: Carly Lott, Alyson Castro, Renee Martin, Clyyne Cook, Frank Perez and Scott Benton.) Final Resolution: Motion carried.

2. Items for Discussion, Presentation and/or Action

2.01 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the February 6, 2019 Naming Committee meeting

Motion from Frank Perez and second by Carly Lott to approve the February meeting minutes. The result of the vote was unanimous: Pass (Yea: Carly Lott, Alyson Castro, Renee Martin, Clyyne Cook, Frank Perez and Scott Benton.) Final Resolution: Motion carried.

2.02 Discussion and Possible Action on Semi-Finalist Name Submissions For The New Middle School In Arrowcreek, 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

Committee Liaison, Riley Sutton, briefly explained to the committee the process for creating the finalist list.

2.02 Public Comment

Howard Herz, Chris Bender, Tamara McKinney, Jim Barkley, Lucius Kane, Bill Henderson, Todd Torvinen, Nancy O'Connell, and Don Thompson all spoke in favor of naming the new middle school in the Arrowcreek area after Marce Herz.

Tim Henderson spoke in favor of naming the new middle school in the Arrowcreek area after Sessions Wheeler.

Committee Discussion:

Staff Liaison, Riley Sutton, informed the committee that he had spoken with the Pyramid Lake Native American Tribe whom granted permission for the name Numu Middle School (replacing Paiute) to remain on the Semi-Finalist list. Legal Counsel, Neil Rombardo, approved this change.

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. Mr. Sutton tallied points. The top three choices in order were Marce Herz, Ann Carlson and Arrowcreek Middle School. This was a non-binding point total allowing discussion from the committee.

Motion by Renee Martin, second by Frank Perez, to forward the names Marce Herz, Ann Carlson and Arrowcreek Middle School to a future meeting of the Board of Trustees for final consideration for the name of the new middle school in the Arrowcreek area. The result of the vote was unanimous: Pass (Yea: Carly Lott, Alyson Castro, Renee Martin, Clyyne Cook, Frank Perez and Scott Benton.)
Final Resolution: Motion carried.

3. Closing Items

3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting

To be determined – most likely in May 2019.

3.02 Public Comment

No public comment given.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Vice Chair Clyyne Cook adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.