



Washoe County School District School Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2019

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the School Naming Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. in the WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 E. Ninth Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Committee Members Victor Sherbondy, Lisa Loader, Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Renee Martin, Clynye Cook, Christiana Frank, Frank Perez, Scott Benton and Alejandro Mejia were all present. Alyson Castro was absent. Staff Liaison Riley Sutton was also present.

1.03 Public Comment

Ellen Minetto, WCSD Trustee, spoke to thank the committee members for what they do.

2. Items for Discussion, Presentation and/or Action

2.01 Action to Adopt the Agenda

Motion from Victor Sherbondy, second by Carly Lott to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2.02 Introduction of Committee Members

The School Naming Committee has four new members for the 2019-20 committee year. Lisa Loader, Marianne Coduti, Christiana Frank, and Alejandro Mejia introduced themselves to the committee.

The other members on the committee then introduced themselves as well.

2.03 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Chair for a term ending June 30, 2020 from the current membership: Scott Benton, Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Alyson Castro, Clyyne Cook, Frank Perez, Renee Martin, Lisa Loader, Marianne Coduti, Christiana Frank, and Alejandro Mejia.

Staff Liaison Riley Sutton asked that WCSD Policy Coordinator Lisa Scurry lead the group through the process. Lisa Scurry followed up with a few specifics regarding committee chair nominations.

Clyyne Cook, the current vice-chair, asked the committee members if anyone had a nomination for committee chair.

Frank Perez nominated Clyyne Cook for chair. Frank Perez commented that, with several years of experience and having gone through this process with 3-5 different schools already, Clyyne Cook deserves the vote of chair.

No public comment was made.

Motion by Frank Perez, second by Scott Benton to elect Clyyne Cook. Motion carried unanimously. Clyyne Cook assumed the role of chair.

2.04 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Vice-Chair for a term ending June 30, 2020 from the current membership: Scott Benton, Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Alyson Castro, Clyyne Cook, Frank Perez, Renee Martin, Lisa Loader, Marianne Coduti, Christiana Frank, and Alejandro Mejia.

Chair Cook asked the committee members if anyone had any specific committee vice-chair nominations.

Marianne Coduti expressed an interest in being vice chair.

Motion by Carly Lott to elect Marianne Coduti to be the committee vice-chair, second by Scott Benton. The committee voted and the motion carried unanimously. Marianne Coduti was elected as the new committee vice-chair effective immediately.

2.05 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 School Naming Committee meeting

Motion by Carly Lott, second by Victor Sherbondy to approve the meeting minutes from the March 6, 2019 School Naming Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2.06 Presentation and Discussion of the Washoe County School District's Plans for New School Construction and Other Capital Projects

Mr. Sutton informed the committee of the upcoming naming projects that they will be working on: the naming of the new high school in the Wildcreek area, the possible renaming of the current Hug High School campus, and an elementary school in Cold Springs.

2.07 Discussion and Possible Action to create a list of names that will be considered automatic semi-finalists for future schools from the unused finalists for previous schools: Arrowcreek, Ann Carlson, Debbie Smith, Sessions Wheeler, Michael Landsberry, and Sun Valley

Mr. Sutton discussed how in the past, three finalist names would be submitted to the Board of Trustees for vote – the two names not selected from that list would automatically roll over for future consideration. As a directive from the WCSD Board of Trustees, the regulation has since changed and the School Naming Committee members will now be responsible creating and curating a permanent rollover list of semi-finalists.

Mr. Sutton also stated that Ann Carlson had requested in writing that her name not be considered for any of the school names that will be voted on this Fall.

Scott Benton sought clarification that if the committee chooses to remove a name from the list tonight that the name can be added again to a future list. Mr. Sutton confirmed that this would be permitted.

Carly Lott suggested that this be an agenda item in all future meetings.

Frank Perez suggested that Arrowcreek, Ann Carlson, and Sun Valley be taken off the list for this round.

Motion by Scott Benton, second by Frank Perez, that the School Naming Committee select the following names of past finalists to be considered for automatic semi-finalists for future schools: Debbie Smith, Sessions Wheeler and Michael Landsberry. Motion passed unanimously.

2.07 Public Comment

Julia Ratti spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school in the Wildcreek area.

2.08 Discussion and Possible Action on Community Name Submissions for the New High School in the Wildcreek area and the future Career and Technical Education (CTE) campus at the existing Hug High School campus, the committee members' individual ranking of those submissions, and the creation of a semi-finalist list of no more than 10 names for each campus based on the individual rankings of the committee members to be considered at a future meeting for recommendation to the Board of Trustees

Mr. Sutton explained to the committee how the process of naming a school takes place.

Mr. Sutton stated that the goal for the meeting was to create a short list of no more than 10 semi-finalists, where each option would have a name for each school, taken from the community input submissions. At the next meeting on November 6, the committee would narrow the semi-finalist list down to three finalists for transmission to the Board of Trustees. The Board is tentatively scheduled to pick the final names at its meeting on November 12.

Mr. Sutton explained that the committee would listen to public comments and engage in conversation to discuss each committee member's top choices. The members would then rank the group's consensus picks based on the criteria provided and lastly total the rankings (point totals are non-binding) before moving forward with a motion and second.

2.08 Public Comment

Julia Ratti spoke in support of Debbie Smith for the new high school in the Wildcreek area.

Kenneth Dalton spoke in support of Dolores and/or Darryl Feemster for either the new high school or the CTE campus.

Bill Henderson spoke in support of Sessions Wheeler for the new high school.

Adrienne Feemster spoke in support of Dolores Feemster and/or Darryl Feemster for either the new high school at Wildcreek or the CTE campus.

Name not provided - spoke in support of the Feemster family.

2.08 Continued

Committee members each individually gave their suggestions for semi-finalist names, based on personal preference and public comment. Committee members took a 15-minute break then gave their individual score totals (from scores in each of the

individual categories) for each of these top names. Mr. Sutton totaled those complete committee scores.

Mr. Sutton confirmed that once this semi-finalist list is voted on, the list will go back out to the community for vote in this paired fashion.

Motion by Scott Benton to move forward with the top 10 selections from the list.
Second by Victor Sherbondy.

More committee discussion took place regarding the top 10 as determined by the total ranking sheet.

Scott Benton tried to amend the original motion but did not receive a second, so the committee then voted to move forward with the top ten (refer to name scoring document at the end of minutes). **Vote failed 5 to 5 (Yea: Victor Sherbondy, Lisa Loader, Clyyne Cook, Christiana Frank and Scott Benton. Nay: Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Renee Martin, Alejandro Mejia and Frank Perez).**

Motion by Carly Lott to move forward with names from the top 11 picks, minus #2 (refer to name scoring document at the end of minutes) second by Renee Martin. **Vote passed 6 to 4 (Yea: Lisa Loader, Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Renee Martin, Alejandro Mejia, and Frank Perez. Nay: Victor Sherbondy, Clyyne Cook, Christiana Frank and Scott Benton).**

Motion by Carly Lott to create a semi-finalist list for the name of the new high school in the Wildcreek area as well as for the new CTE Campus consisting of the following names combinations respectively: Hug/Feemster, Hug/Debbie Smith, Debbie Smith/Hug, Hug/Sessions Wheeler, Dolores Feemster/Hug, Hug/Landsberry, Hug/Battleborn, Feemster/Hug, Battleborn/Hug and Hug/Paul Dugan. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Closing Items

3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting: November 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno Nevada.

3.02 Public Comment

Julia Ratti spoke on the actual process of this particular school naming, being that the two campuses are being named simultaneously and fears confusion amongst the community with the process.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Chair Clyyne Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Name Submission (Wildcreek/Hug)	Perez	Lott	Martin	Frank	Benton	Cook	Mejia	Sherbondy	Loader	Coduti	Total	Motion Benton, 2nd Sherbondy	Motion Lott, 2nd Martin
Hug/Feemster	30	30	30	30	29	24	28		25	30	30	286 x	x
Hug/Dolores Feemster	30	30	28	24	26	26	30		25	30	30	279 x	
Hug/Debbie Smith	25	30	21	24	30	30	27		26	30	30	273 x	x
Debbie Smith/Hug	15	18	12	30	30	29	19		19	25	30	227 x	x
Hug/Sessions Wheeler	15	30	29	25	22	20	23		12	23	22	221 x	x
Dolores Feemster/Hug	28	18	16	24	27	18	25		12	27	24	219 x	x
Hug/Landsberry	30	30	27	18	22	16	22		12	17	19	213 x	x
Hug/Battle Born	24	18	17	27	20	18	25		23	25	12	209 x	x
Feemster/Hug	23	18	10	30	29	12	25		18	24	18	207 x	x
Battle born/Hug	20	18	12	27	27	12	27		18	22	10	193 x	x
Hug/Paul Dugan	13	30	18	25	20	16	23		12	23	10	190 fail 5-5	x
Wildcreek/Hug	30	18	12	18	20	8	23		9	21	19	178	passes 6-4
Debbie Smith/Dolores Feemster	15	6	6	6	27	18	25		12	19	18	152	
Sandoval/Debbie Smith	23	6	6	6	25	18	21		6	22	15	148	
Debbie Smith / Feemster Tech	13	6	6	6	25	12	20		13	18	18	137	
Debbie Smith/S. Wheeler	13	6	6	6	26	18	17		9	16	18	135	
Wildcreek/Landsberry	15	6	6	6	24	8	19		6	17	22	129	
Landsberry/Feemster	17	6	6	6	19	12	22		6	18	17	129	
Landsberry/Smith	18	6	6	6	23	12	16		9	18	15	129	
E Mount/Northeast Tech Academy	23	6	6	6	22	13	14		8	19	9	126	
Gabica/Feemster Tech Academy	13	6	6	6	18	10	21		6	17	13	116	
Landsberry/Wildcreek	15	6	6	6	23	8	8		6	17	10	105	

Wildcreek / Hug Semifinalist Survey Results: Top Ranking

The following three tables note the number of surveys that ranked each option as 1st choice through 10th choice. The tables are sorted by the name that received the most 1st place rankings.

All Respondents										
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	740	271	342	278	297	270	206	189	160	163
Battle Born / Procter Hug	587	353	312	253	227	214	313	205	216	236
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	369	240	257	226	224	235	239	358	366	402
Procter Hug / Battle Born	322	583	354	360	282	240	190	144	221	220
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	279	136	159	257	215	269	336	377	402	486
Feemster / Procter Hug	201	452	273	231	205	225	243	332	404	350
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	127	221	246	377	384	370	339	344	237	271
Procter Hug / Feemster	114	195	525	329	331	350	294	334	258	186
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	94	152	240	343	382	355	405	332	260	353
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	83	313	208	262	369	388	351	301	392	249

All Students – Hug Zone										
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Procter Hug / Battle Born	72	48	23	22	19	17	13	6	12	25
Battle Born / Procter Hug	64	35	16	12	16	13	44	15	21	21
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	26	26	24	27	31	39	21	18	28	17
Procter Hug / Feemster	22	14	36	27	29	41	33	16	25	14
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	18	14	16	28	11	16	25	48	39	42
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	18	18	29	33	45	29	23	29	17	16
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	13	28	36	19	34	31	22	26	23	25
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	8	29	26	47	29	31	31	15	17	24
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	8	14	23	23	28	22	21	34	38	46
Feemster / Procter Hug	8	27	29	18	17	18	24	50	37	29

6 th -9 th Grade Students – Hug Zone										
All	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Procter Hug / Battle Born	40	19	12	6	12	6	10	5	5	12
Battle Born / Procter Hug	32	16	7	7	7	6	20	8	12	12
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	13	11	10	13	10	5	8	15	24	18
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	11	8	10	19	9	25	13	9	13	10
Procter Hug / Feemster	8	9	22	13	14	17	17	5	17	5
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	7	22	12	6	16	17	13	10	14	10
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	4	8	15	29	13	19	12	9	7	11
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	4	6	8	13	17	7	10	18	9	35
Feemster / Procter Hug	4	14	18	11	8	9	14	28	14	7
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	4	14	13	13	25	15	10	17	10	6

Wildcreek / Hug Semifinalist Survey Results: Other Rankings

2 nd Place Ranking: All Surveys	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	583
Feemster / Procter Hug	452
Battle Born / Procter Hug	353
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	313
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	271
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	240
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	221
Procter Hug / Feemster	195
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	152
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	136

3 rd Place Ranking: All Surveys	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	354
Feemster / Procter Hug	273
Battle Born / Procter Hug	312
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	208
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	342
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	257
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	246
Procter Hug / Feemster	525
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	240
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	159

2 nd Place Ranking: All Students	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	48
Battle Born / Procter Hug	35
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	29
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	28
Feemster / Procter Hug	27
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	26
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	18
Procter Hug / Feemster	14
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	14
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	14

3 rd Place Ranking: All Students	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	23
Battle Born / Procter Hug	16
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	26
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	36
Feemster / Procter Hug	29
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	24
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	29
Procter Hug / Feemster	36
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	16
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	23

2 nd Place Ranking: 6th-9th Grades	
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	22
Procter Hug / Battle Born	19
Battle Born / Procter Hug	16
Feemster / Procter Hug	14
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	14
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	11
Procter Hug / Feemster	9
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	8
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	8
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	6

3 rd Place Ranking: 6th-9th Grades	
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	12
Procter Hug / Battle Born	12
Battle Born / Procter Hug	7
Feemster / Procter Hug	18
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	13
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	10
Procter Hug / Feemster	22
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	10
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	15
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	8