



Washoe County School District School Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

November 6, 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 Administration Building Board Room, 425 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

1.02 Roll Call

Chair Clyyne Cook and Members Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Alyson Castro, Renee Martin, Christiana Frank, Alejandro Mejia, Frank Perez and Scott Benton were present at roll call. Lisa Loeder was absent at roll call. Staff Liaison, Riley Sutton, was also present.

1.03 Public Comment

Tray Abney spoke in favor of Debbie Smith being named for the new high school in the Wildcreek area.

Richard Daly spoke in favor of Debbie Smith being named for the new high school in the Wildcreek area.

2. Items for Discussion, Presentation and/or Action

2.01 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On Motion by Frank Perez, second by Renee Martin, the School Naming Committee adopted the agenda as presented (Yea: Clyyne Cook, Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Alyson Castro, Renee Martin, Christiana Frank, Alejandro Mejia, Frank Perez and Scott Benton) Final Resolution: Motion carries 10-0

2.02 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the October 2, 2019 School Naming Committee meeting.

There was no discussion or suggested changes to the minutes.

On Motion by Scott Benton, second by Carly Lott, the School Naming Committee approved the minutes of the meeting from October 2, 2019 (Yea: Clyyne Cook, Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Alyson Castro, Renee Martin, Christiana Frank, Alejandro Mejia, Frank Perez and Scott Benton) Final Resolution: Motion carries 10-0

2.03 Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend to the Board of Trustees up to three (3) Semi-Finalist Name Submissions for the new high school at Wildcreek and the future Career and Technical Education (CTE) campus at the existing Hug High School campus from among the following pairs, where the proposed name for the campus at Wildcreek is listed first and the proposed name for the CTE at Hug is listed second: Battle Born/Procter Hug, Feemster/Procter Hug, Debbie Smith/Procter Hug, Procter Hug/Paul Dugan, Procter Hug/Michael Landsberry, Procter Hug, Battle Born, Dolores Feemster/Procter Hug, Procter Hug/Feemster, Procter Hug/Debbie Smith, Procter Hug/Sessions Wheeler

Staff Liaison, Riley Sutton, discussed with the committee the materials that were included in their packets as well as explained the two different surveys that were sent out and the results of those surveys.

Public Comment

- Erin Smith spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Laureen Garcia spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Ira Victor spoke in favor of Darryl Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Chris Stanko spoke in favor of Hug High School remaining the name for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Bruce Bilbrey spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Wayne Ferguson spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Joseph Barstow spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Caroline Moassessi spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- David Bobzien spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Alfredo Alonso spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.

- Sandra Feyersinger spoke in favor of Hug High School remaining the name for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- John White spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Dotty Merrill spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Greg Smith spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek, or for the new CTE campus.
- Noah Levingston spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new CTE campus at Hug.
- Brandon Allen spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Tom Dolan spoke in favor of Hug High School remaining the name for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Tim Curran spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Heidi Parker spoke in favor of Hug High School remaining the name for the new high school at Wildcreek as well as for Debbie Smith for the new CTE campus at Hug.
- Samuel Sprock spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Len Savage spoke in favor for Hug High School remaining the name for the new high school at Wildcreek as well as for Debbie Smith for the new CTE campus at Hug.
- Rob Winkel spoke in favor of Hug High School remaining the name for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Paula Berkley spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Andrea Rodriguez spoke in favor of Hug High School remaining the name for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Nicole Perez spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Lonnie Feemster spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Drew Mason spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Adrienne Feemster spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Scott Fullerton spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Ricky Cobb spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster or Hug High School for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Ian Brower spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.

- Andrew Diss spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Ondre Berry spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Jeanette Belz spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Chris Snyder spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Teresa Benitez Thompson spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Rodd Walker spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek as well as Procter Hug for the new CTE campus.
- Joseph Trainer spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Tess Feemster spoke on behalf of Emily Hernandez who wrote a letter in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek. Tess also spoke personally in favor of Dolores Feemster.
- Jessica Ferrato spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Ambassador Wowo spoke in favor of Dolores Feemster for the new high school at Wildcreek.
- Julia Ratti spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school at Wildcreek.

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.

Frank Perez made motion that the School Naming Committee recommend the following as Semi-Finalist Name Submissions for the new high school at Wildcreek and the future Career and Technical Education (CTE) campus at the existing Hug High School campus: Procter Hug/Debbie Smith, Procter Hug/Dolores Feemster and Procter Hug/Michael Landsberry. This was a non-binding point total allowing discussion from the committee.

Committee member Carly Lott asked for clarification if the second combination choice could be Procter Hug/Dolores Feemster or if it needed to be Procter Hug/Feemster due to a decision made at a previous School Naming Committee Meeting to change the name to "Feemster."

The committee took a brief recess to research previous meeting minutes. After review, WCSD legal counsel, Neil Rombardo, stated that it was determined that the name "Dolores Feemster" was part of a motion that had previously failed, therefore, the only name that was moved forward was "Feemster."

Mr. Perez amended his motion. Mr. Benton agreed.

On Motion by Frank Perez, second by Scott Benton, the School Naming Committee recommended striking "Dolores Feemster" from the original motion and move forward with Feemster. the following as Semi-Finalist Name Submissions for the new high school at Wildcreek and the future Career and Technical Education (CTE) campus at the existing Hug High School campus: Procter Hug/Debbie Smith, Procter Hug/Feemster and Procter Hug/Michael Landsberry. (Yea: Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Alyson Castro, Renee Martin, Clyyne Cook, Christiana Frank, Alejandro Mejia, Frank Perez and Scott Benton. Nay: Victor Sherbondy) Motion Carried 10-1.

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

Committee discussion took place regarding future options for "Feemster" and other geographical locations previously submitted.

Motion by Scott Benton, second by Carly Lott, that the School Naming Committee move forward with the unused semi-finalist list.

After further explanation by Staff Liaison, Riley Sutton, that no action was required by the committee and that this item will remain on the agenda for the next School Naming Committee meeting, both Scott Benton and Carly Lott withdrew their motion/second.

3. Closing Items

3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting

The next meeting time is yet to be determined but will possibly be held in February.

3.02 Public Comment

Greg Smith thanked the committee for the job they are doing. In addition, he thanked the Feemster family for their presentations.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, Chair Cook adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.