

Washington-Lee Renaming Committee
October 16, 2018 – Syphax Education Center – 7-9 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Committee Attendees:

John Holt, Chloe Slater, Thornton Thomas, Patrice Kelly, Allison Chen, Duane Butcher, Hiromi Isobe, Jackie Stallworth, Dave Peters, Gregg Robertson William Moser, Julia Crull, Peter Strack, Dana Raphael (via Facetime), James Rosen, Allan Gajadhar, Nikki Roy, George Keating and George Axiotis

Unable to Attend:

Ana Regina Santos-Caballero, Melissa Perry

APS Facilitator & Staff:

Sian Madden and Linda Erdos

I. Welcome & Introductions

- A. Linda Erdos welcomed everyone and explained her role as a liaison to the committee to provide support with committee communications and community engagement, as well as to answer procedural or APS-related questions.
- B. Linda explained the availability of the Suggestion Box and forms for non-member attendees.
- C. Sian Madden introduced her role as facilitator for the committee meetings.
- D. Sian invited new members to introduce themselves and say how they are feeling as they begin the process.
- E. Sian led the members in a “lightening round” – committee members shared where they were on reflection of the conversations from the first meeting.

II. Recap of Meeting #1

- A. Sian reviewed the guidelines for the committee’s conversations to build a respectful and creative dialogue
- B. Review of Handouts from previous meeting:
 1. APS Mission, Vision and Core Values
 2. Naming Policy Criteria
 3. List of all other APS school name derivations
- C. Reminder that all documents/minutes should be brought back for next meetings
- D. All “Engage with APS” emails will be shared with committee members.

III. Small Group Discussions

- A. Sian shared the list of suggested names including suggestions from the community and ideas developed by members at the first meeting.
- B. The committee worked in small groups for approximately an hour to discuss the suggestions and to identify naming trends
- C. **Committee also discussed the suggestions vis-à-vis the policy criteria**
- D. Observations of “pros” and “cons” were shared by each group including:
 1. Replacing “Lee” with another “Lee”
 2. Replacing “Lee” with another name starting with “L” to keep W-L
 3. Keeping “Washington” as part of the name
 4. Exploring totally new names
 5. Focusing on “ideas” rather than “people”

IV. Discussing Options to Obtain Input from Constituencies

- A. Committee members discussed options to solicit input from parents, students, staff, alumni and the community.
- B. As requested by the members at the Oct. 11 meeting, Linda shared possible survey questions
- C. After considerable conversation, the committee decided to solicit input from constituents by asking them to share their input via the “Engage with APS” form.

V. Next Steps

- A. Based on committee member requests, Linda agreed to ask staff to add an option for the responder to indicate his/her role – staff, student, parent, community, alumni or other.
- B. Constituents will be asked to respond with the “Engage” form by Friday, October 26.
- C. Results will be available for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Linda agreed to draft a message for the group to use, and members will contact her if they need assistance with reaching their community members.
- E. After narrowing options during the next two meetings, the committee will discuss developing a ranking survey to share with constituents after the Nov. 14 meeting to inform the final recommendation.
- F. Sian led the committee in a final lightening round check-in with members.

VI. Schedule of Renaming Committee Meetings (All at 7-9 p.m.):

- Tuesday – Oct. 30 – Syphax Ed. Ctr., 3rd Floor (Rooms 354/356)
- Wednesday – Nov. 13 – Syphax Ed. Ctr., 2nd Floor (Rooms 256/258)
- Thursday – Nov. 29 – Syphax Ed. Ctr., 3rd Floor (Rooms 354/356)
- Wednesday – Dec. 05 – Syphax Ed. Ctr., 3rd Floor (Rooms 354/356)
- *Wednesday – Dec. 12– Syphax Ed. Ctr., 3rd Floor (Rooms 354/356)*
(Only if Needed)