

Wilson Site Naming Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 24, 2018

Time: 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Location: H-B Woodlawn Library

Committee Members Present:

1. Casey Robinson H-B W Principal, Co-Chair
2. Kristen Colston HB Parent
3. Eleanor Reed H-B Teacher
4. Maddox Kromash H-B Student
5. Lee White Stratford Parent
6. Jeanette Preniczky Stratford Teacher
7. Melissa McCracken Community Representative
8. Stan Karson Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights Civic Assoc.
9. John Hummel North Rosslyn Citizens Assoc.

Also Present:

1. Jeni Merino SCR Executive Assistant (non-voting)

Committee Purpose/Task

APS has formed a Naming Committee to propose a name for the Wilson to the School Board for consideration, as part of the APS approved policy and process for naming new schools. recommended by the School Board. This is the first of three meetings that the committee will hold in September and October to collaboratively to select a name for the Wilson Site based upon community input received by the committee members.

Agenda

The following minutes provide an overview of key topics of discussion and decisions made during the initial kick off meeting.

1. Introductions

The meeting was opened and led by H-B Woodlawn School Principal Casey Robinson who provided a brief overview of her background. Afterward, each attendee introduced him/herself and the community that they represent.

2. Review Naming Facilities Policy and PIP

The committee reviewed School Board Policy and PIP F-6.1 Naming of Facilities to understand the naming process and committee's charge. The criteria for selecting a name for the school was reviewed as well. Casey Robinson gave committee members the opportunity to ask questions and clarify parts of the PIP and policy.

3. Brainstorm

The committee agreed on the importance of selecting a name that was representative of the two programs that are located at the Wilson site: the Stratford Program and H-B Woodlawn. Several potential names were discussed for consideration as part of the community engagement and survey process:

- Eleanor Reed, H-B Woodlawn Teacher, shared a few ideas that her students researched for a classroom project. The name that received the most attention was The Heights, which represents the site's geographical location and plays homage to the many forts throughout Arlington that also had that name.
- Stan Karson mentioned the name The Woodrow Wilson Building, to maintain the historical name of the Wilson School.
- The third idea, mentioned by Lee White, was Eunice Kennedy Shriver because of her known efforts to advocate for children with special needs.

4. Next Steps

Casey Robinson will follow up to confirm the following meeting date, scheduled for October 15th at H-B Woodlawn Library at 7:30pm. Committee members were instructed to take note of ideas or thoughts shared by the community and to report them at the following meeting.

Melissa McCracken volunteered to initiate a draft of the community survey for when the list of names is available.

NEXT MEETING: October 15 at H-B Woodlawn Library at 7:30 PM