

## **Wilson Site Naming Committee Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, October 15, 2018

Time: 7:30pm – 8:45pm

Location: H-B Woodlawn Library

### **Committee Members:**

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| 1. Dr. 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       |
| 9. John      | Hummel    | North Rosslyn Citizens Assoc. |

### **Committee Members Not Present:**

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| 10. John | Dolahaer | Stratford Student |
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### **Also Present:**

Catherine	Ashby	SCR Director of Communications (non-voting)
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### **Committee Purpose**

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

### **MEETING MINUTES**

The following minutes provide an overview of the discussion and decisions made during the meeting.

#### **1. Introductions and Attendance**

The meeting was opened and led by H-B Woodlawn School Principal Dr. Casey Robinson who took attendance and reviewed the meeting agenda.

## 2. Review Initial Feedback on Potential Names

The committee reviewed School Board Policy and PIP F-6.1 Naming of Facilities as a reminder and shared names gathered from each committee member's communities since the first week. Committee members had gathered input from other students, staff, community members and parents during the previous week to identify potential names for consideration. Names reviewed during the meeting included:

- \*The Heights (original name of the school and the height of the building, symbolic)
- \*Freedman's Park
- \*Nacotchtank
- \*Wilson School
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver (special education, Americans with disabilities, leaders)
- Maggie Walker (first woman in the U.S. to charter a bank – African American woman, school teacher)
- Sally Ride Schools
- Christa McAuliffe
- \*Joe Fisher (Arlington Board Member, WAMATA and Chairman of board, Council of Governments)
- \*Warren Stambaugh (DHS building)
- \*Selena Norris Gray
- \*Grace Hopper (computer scientist, rear admiral)
- Gen. Montgomery Meigs

*\*Asterisks indicate those with local Arlington relevance and connection.*

## 3. Narrow the List of Names

The committee then voted for their top choices out of the list of options. After the voting, there were three clear favorites to include in a short list for a community feedback survey:

- The Heights, which represents the site's geographical location and plays homage to the many forts throughout Arlington that also had that name.
- The Wilson Building, to maintain the historical name of the Wilson School.
- Eunice Kennedy Shriver, given her known efforts to advocate for children with special needs.

## 4. Survey Draft Review and Next Steps

Melissa McCracken reviewed a draft survey with the group and engaged the committee in a discussion to solicit input. Based on feedback, Melissa agreed to send an updated draft on October 16.

APS School and Community Relations department will translate the survey so there is a Spanish and English version.

Committee members were instructed to distribute the survey to their parent, student, staff and civic association contact lists. The committee decided to launch the survey via Google surveys on Friday October 19 and request input by end of day on Monday, November 5.

Results will be reviewed in the next meeting on **November 7** at H-B Woodlawn Library at 7:30pm.

**NEXT MEETING: November 7 at H-B Woodlawn Library at 7:30 PM**