

2nd Drew Naming Committee Meeting
February 12, 2019
Drew Model School Library

In attendance:

Drew School Principal Kimberley Graves
Drew Elementary PTA Aquila Stewart
Drew School Jamie Guidry
Drew School Megan Sorrell
Hoffman-Boston PTA Marlo Wade
Hoffman-Boston School Deitra Brady
Hoffman-Boston School Melissa Hinkson
Abingdon PTA Margot Hodges
Patrick Henry PTA Kinsey Fabrizio

Patrick Henry School Lina Ewell
Patrick Henry School Sarah Switaj
Columbia Heights Civic Assoc. Erin Wasiak
Douglas Park Civic Association Jen Dean
Nauck Civic Assoc. Frederick Craddock
Community At-Large Member Mary Glass
School & Community Rels. Dulce Carrillo
Guest: Ben Foster, Henry parent whose
child attend Drew in Fall 2019

Principal Kimberley Graves welcomed everyone and circulated sign-in sheet.

New committee member representing Abingdon parents, Margot Hodges, introduced herself as did everyone else from the committee.

Dulce briefly reminded the group what was accomplished at the first meeting and shared the goals for the second meeting.

Goals:

- ✓ Review names proposed by constituent groups
- ✓ Design survey
- ✓ Agree on Timeline
- ✓ Assign roles and responsibilities

Comments expressed by committee member groups:

- Sigh of relief that name will not change
- Nauck Civic Association members expressed excitement to have a voice
- Dr. Drew's grand-niece is happy to keep the name because education was very important to her family.
- Dr. Drew promoted education, and had a particular interest in training Black surgeons
- He taught at Howard University and urged students to go farther than they thought possible
- Adding second name had energy
- Drew Scholars (scholars could be the mascot)

Prior to sharing new names, Committee member circulated a list of words used in other school names to stimulate ideas and discussion.

Names proposed by Committee member constituent groups (alphabetical):

Charles Drew Academic Prep
Charles Drew Achievement Prep
Charles Drew Science Focus Elementary
Charles R. Drew Elementary
Charles R. Drew Science School
Dr. Charles Drew Academy of Arts & Science Elementary
Dr. Charles Drew Legacy Elementary
Dr. Charles Drew School for Scholars
Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School
Dr. Charles R. Drew Heritage Elementary School
Dr. Charles Richard Drew Elementary
Drew-Morgan Elementary, after Garrett Morgan, an inventor
Drew-Spencer Elementary, after Harlem Renaissance poet Ann Spencer of VA, est.
NAACP in Lynchburg, VA

Three names moved forward by Committee:

- Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary
- Dr. Charles Drew School for Scholars
- Dr. Charles R. Drew Heritage Elementary

Next steps:

Survey monkey to be designed by Erin Wasiak & reviewed by Committee.
Online survey to be distributed by committee members broadly to all constituent groups, including current and incoming Drew families and staff, PTAs and designated civic associations. Survey will open asap (later this week) and close on March 4, 2019.

Next meeting:

Community-At-Large member Mary Glass will invite Dr. Drew's grandniece to next meeting.

March 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.
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This may be the last meeting if the Committee's work is complete.