

**First Naming Committee Meeting for New School at Key Site  
December 16, 2020**

Microsoft Teams virtual meeting

Committee members in attendance:

1	Claire Peters	Principal, New Elementary School
2	Jazmynn Wilson	1 <sup>st</sup> gr. Teacher, Arlington Science Focus School
3	Christine A'Hearn	Librarian, Arlington Science Focus School
4	Rabia Oubenadi	Arlington Science Focus School PTA
5	Beth Ferrill	Lyon Village Civic Association/Key Immersion parent
6	Terri Prell	North Rosslyn Civic Association
7	Heather McIntire	Radnor-Ft. Myer Heights Civic Association/ASFS parent
8	Ali Hashemi	At-large Community Member, Rosslyn business owner

*Dulce Carrillo*      *Staff Liaison, School & Community Relations (Non-voting)*

No one was absent.

**Meeting summary:**

Principal Claire Peters welcomed and thanked everyone for serving on the naming committee for the new neighborhood school at the Key site.

- She reiterated the goals of the meeting, as per the [Policy Implementation Procedure F-6.1 PIP-2 Naming of APS Programs \(PIP\)](#) guidelines.
- Everyone introduced themselves and said one thing they are looking forward to.

**Goals and group norms**

The group reviewed goals and came up with norms, such as be civil, represent our communities, offer ideas without judgment, commit to start and end meetings on time, be present and actively participate, and follow basic behavioral norms.

**Brief history**

Ms. Peters provided a brief history of the neighborhoods around the site of the new elementary school with photos and links to referenced documents.

## **Brainstorm ideas for school name**

The committee then broke out into two groups for initial brainstorming (virtual breakout rooms). Upon returning and sharing, a [list of 35 initial names](#) surfaced (see list).

Categories considered:

- People (local heroes)
- Places (local geography)
- Themes (aspirations, etc.)

Other suggestions put forth:

- Prefer not name school after land developers that did not allow Black people to buy property there.

## **Questions:**

- What were the finalist names for Dorothy Hamm Middle School?
  - A: Courage, James Armistead Lafayette, Legacy, Perseverance, and Stratford
- Might the School Board be willing to make an exception to the [Naming policy](#) stating that the individual has been deceased for five or more years?

## **Conclusion and next steps:**

Ms. Peters thanked committee participants again for their valuable time. The Committee agreed to have Ms. Peters chair the Naming Committee for the Key site.

Next, Committee members agreed to return to their respective constituent groups to share the initial naming ideas and solicit additional suggestions.

Committee members will send in additional names by January 7 for consideration by the full committee at the next meeting.

## **Upcoming committee meetings (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.):**

- Wed. January 13, 2021
- Wed. February 10, 2021

Note: Once reviewed, notes will appear on the APS Engage [Key Site Naming webpage](#).