

Naming Committee Meeting Agenda New Elementary School at the Key Site


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<p>Date: 2/10/2021</p> <p>Participants:</p>	<p>Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss community feedback from the survey ● Determine a first choice and an alternate name to present to the School Board. <p>Roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Facilitator: Claire ● Note Taker/Timekeeper: Dulce ● Chat/Hand Raise Monitor: Claire 	<p>Norms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be civil -Represent our communities -Be able to offer ideas without judgment - Commit to start and end on time -Be present and actively participating - Follow basic behavioral norms

<p>Questions to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What name will best represent the community? 2. Do our suggestions align with the APS Strategic Plan goals? 3. Have we included all voices in this process?

<p>Links/Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -APS Naming Facilities Policy -APS Naming Facilities PIP -APS Strategic Plan - Mission, Vision & Core Values -APS Strategic Plan - Full Document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -APS Elementary Boundary Map -APS Engage Website - Naming of new school -List of committee members -Arlington Civic Associations Map -Meeting minutes - Dec 16, 2020 -Meeting minutes - Jan 13, 2021
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<p>5 min. Claire</p>	<p>Welcome back - In the chat, type the number of the photo that describes how you are feeling today.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">On this sheep-scale, how do you feel today?</p> 
<p>5 min. Claire</p>	<p>Review goals of the group & norms</p>	<p>See top of agenda</p>
<p>10 min Dulce</p>	<p>Revision to timeline</p> <p>Review list of survey results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gateway ● Grace Hopper ● Innovation ● Polaris ● Summa Elementary of Arlington 	<p>Committee was offered to move the School Board presentations dates up from March 11 & 25 to Feb. 18 for Information and March 11 for action. The Committee agreed, as the sooner the name is voted on and final, the faster the PTA and others can begin working. Survey results revealed mixed feelings about naming the school after a person, although most admire Adm. Grace Hopper. Some felt Polaris has religious connotations and Summa is not easily understood. Christine created a video for ASFS students and shared results of a student survey, favoring Gateway.</p>

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<p>30 min Group</p>	<p>Group feedback - what are your thoughts based on the survey data and the process so far?</p>	<p><u>Rabia</u> - ASFS parent: Survey is not representative of all in the community. Shared emails sent by ASFS parents. Some themes were: 1) not wanting to name schools after people, including significant concern about equity; 2) concern about Polaris as a religious symbol and military symbol. Personally supports Summa.</p> <p><u>Terri</u> - North Rosslyn - understands the concerns about naming after a person; feeling that Gateway is #1 for her right now. Polaris has too many negatives. Summa doesn't seem to resonate with her community.</p> <p><u>Heather</u> - Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights: input from her community aligned with survey results. Gateway is first choice. Hears the comments about concerns about Grace Hopper. Does feel she was an Arlingtonian.</p> <p><u>Beth</u> - Lyon Village: Had a lot of negative comments about thematic names. Hopper was popular. Innovation somewhat popular, too. Concerns that Summa sounded religious, hard to pronounce, children might find it hard to identify with.</p> <p><u>Jazmynn</u> - ASFS staff: Felt that students picked names that they liked the sound of. Some liked all the names. Understands the concerns about names. For primary kids, Hopper and Polaris tied for most votes.</p> <p><u>Christine</u> - ASFS staff: Did a video explaining all choices for ASFS students. Collected responses. Has felt some frustration in not finding a person that better represents the community. Has some concern in what SB is looking for. Wondering if we can be a first and choose something a little different than what has been named before.</p> <p><u>Ali</u> - Community: Most people that responded to outreach liked Gateway, followed by Innovation. Most were against Polaris and</p>
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		<p>Hopper. One theme was that representation really does matter. <u>Claire</u> - Principal New Elem School: Not supportive of naming after a person based on divisiveness within this small group and survey. Favors Gateway and Innovation.</p> <p>Overall, the committee discussed the pros and cons of naming after a person, and specifically if the race of that person was a significant factor in deciding. Ultimately, although the committee respected Grace Hopper's accomplishments and acknowledged that those who took the survey liked it as a name, they did not feel it was the right direction to take based on our goals and the questions we needed to consider.</p>																								
<p>15-20 min Group</p>	<p>Advocacy - At this point is there a name that you would like to advocate strongly for?</p>	<p>Rabia advocated for Summa. Terri for Gateway and Grace Hopper Heather for Gateway (1st choice) and Innovation (2nd choice) Beth for Grace Hopper and Innovation Christine like Gateway Ali advocated against naming after a person</p>																								
<p>10 min Dulce</p>	<p>Vote & Decide -Poll or chat?</p>	<p>The Committee agreed to take an open vote verbally.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="773 1352 1484 1726"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>1st choice</th> <th>2nd choice</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Innovation</td> <td>5</td> <td>2</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gateway</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summa</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grace Hopper</td> <td>0</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Polaris</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	1st choice	2nd choice	Total	Innovation	5	2	7	Gateway	2	4	6	Summa	1	0	1	Grace Hopper	0	2	2	Polaris	0	0	0
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10 min Claire & Dulce	Next steps - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Board presentation 	<p>By Friday, a PowerPoint presentation explaining the naming committee process and recommendation will be uploaded and presented to the School Board on Feb. 18, 2021.</p> <p>Jazmyynn and Claire will present to School Board. Heather and Rabia can be present for support.</p>
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Debrief 5 min	+ What we did well?	△ What do we need to do differently?	★ Wishes

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