

West End Elementary School Naming Committee Meeting
William Ramsay Elementary Media Center
January 10, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Committee Chair Cindy Anderson called the West End Elementary School Naming Committee Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

West End Elementary Naming Committee members who were present included: Chair Anderson, Carlos Alfaro, Janese Bechtol, Karen Dunkley, Jerry File, Jim Henson (arrived during the ranking/elimination exercise), Blanche Mays Maness, Kristen Weber, and J-Lynn Van Pelt. Committee members Keenan Cooper and Imran Gill were not present.

Attendees included Jennifer Abbruzzese, Clerk of the Board and Policy Liaison; Helen Lloyd, ACPS Director of Communications; and Bill Campbell, School Board Member.

1. Approval of Minutes for the December 6, 2017 West End Elementary School Naming Committee Meeting

Chair Anderson welcomed the Naming Committee to the meeting and asked them to review the minutes from the December 6th meeting. Ms. Van Pelt moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Alfaro seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by all those present, 7-0. Mr. Henson arrived after the vote.

2. Committee Member Research Reports

Committee members Mr. Alfaro, Ms. Bechtol, and Mr. File presented background research on the following individuals, whose names had been recommended by members of the public:

- Mary Jackson
- Katherine Johnson
- Dorothy Vaughn
- Rocky Versace
- Booker T. Washington

3. Naming Recommendations Received to Date

Committee members engaged in a “dot democracy” exercise by placing circular stickers on the naming recommendations received to date that:

- They supported (allotted 10 green stickers);
- They did not support (allotted 20 red stickers); or
- They would like more research on (allotted 2 blue stickers).

The results were:

A. Melvin Miller – 5 green, 2 red
Abigail Adams – 1 red
Abyssinia – 4 red
Alexander Hamilton – 2 red
Alonzo Bumbry – 2 red
Anne Spencer – 1 red
Arlene Moore – no stickers
Barack Obama-Guzman – no stickers
Barack/Michelle Obama – 7 green, 1 red
Barbara Rose Johns – 1 green, 1 blue
Bill Clinton - 4 red
Blue Diamonds Paradise – 3 red
Booker T. Washington – 2 red
Cardinal – 1 green, 2 red
Catherine Winkler Herman – 1 green, 1 red
Chief Powhatan – 3 red
Clifford – 2 red
Crystal River – 2 red
Do not name after a person – no stickers (not posted for voting)
Douglas E. Wilder – 1 green
Dr. Seuss – 3 red
Duke Ellington – 2 red
Dwayne Johnson – 3 red
Edmonson – 1 green
Edwin B. Henderson – 1 red
Elizabeth Guzman – 1 green, 4 blue
Ella Fitzgerald – 1 green, 1 red
Ellen Ochoa – 1 green, 1 red, 1 blue
Elmer E Ellsworth – 1 red
Ferdinand T. Day – 5 green, 1 red
Francis – 1 red
Freedom – 3 red
Funn-Day (Carlton Funn & Ferdinand T. Day) - no stickers
Future Legends of Alexandria – 3 red
George Lewis Seaton – 1 red
Gerry Bertier – 3 red
Gloria E Anzaldúa – 1 red
H.J. Wesley – 2 blue
Harriet Ann Jacobs – 1 green
Helen Keller – 2 red
Hughes (or Langston Hughes) – 2 red
Isaac Newton – 2 red

James Armistead Lafayette – 2 red
John Porter – 2 red
Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson STEM School or Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson Elementary – 5 green
Katherine Johnson – 5 green, 2 red
Keisel Elementaria – 1 red
King Ahmadzai – 3 red
Kris Clark – 2 red
Leonardo Da Vinci School of STEM – 1 red
Lewis & Clark – 3 red
Lila Meade Valentine – 1 red
Little Fairy – 5 red
Lucy Addison – 1 red
Lynwood Campbell Jr. – 2 red
Madam C.J. Walker – 2 red
Mahatma Gandhi – 2 red
Margaret Brent – 1 green
Martin Luther King, Jr. – 2 red
Mary E. Randolph – 1 green, 1 blue
Mary Jackson – 4 green, 1 red
Maya Angelou – 1 red
Mildred and Richard Loving – 3 green, 1 red
Muhammad Ali – 2 red
Oprah Winfrey – 1 green, 3 red
Patsy Ticer – 1 green, 1 red
Pocahontas – 2 red
Pontiac West End Elementary – 3 red
Queen Bee – 4 red
Robert C. Scott – 2 red
Robert W. Peebles – 3 red
Rocky Versace or Humbert Roque Versace – 2 green
Ruth Bader Ginsburg – 2 green, 1 red
Sandra Day O'Connor – 2 green, 2 red
Sara Kemp Brady – 1 green, 5 red
Sarah A. Gray – (no stickers- clerical error, name was not submitted for voting)
Selena Quintanilla – 1 red
Simón Bolívar – 1 red
Sonia Sotomayor – 4 green, 2 red
Stewart Copeland – 1 red
Susan B. Anthony Elementary School – 3 red
Sylvia Mendez – 2 green, 1 red, 1 blue
The Friendship School – 3 red
Tito Puente – 1 red
Van Landingham – 1 red
Voltaire – 3 red

Winkler – 3 red

Mr. Henson arrived during the dot democracy exercise.

After discussion of the 355 submissions received by the committee, which included recommendations of 125 different names submitted by ACPS staff, students and members of the public, the committee chose to remove the following submissions from further consideration as the main name for the new school.

	Names NOT Selected for Further Consideration (committee meeting #4)
1	Abigail Adams
2	Abyssinia
3	Alexander Hamilton
4	Alonzo Bumbry
5	Anne Spencer
6	Barack Obama-Guzman
7	Bill Clinton
8	Blue Diamonds Paradise
9	Booker T. Washington
10	Cardinal Elementary
11	Catherine Winkler Herman
12	Chief Powhatan
13	Clifford
14	Crystal River
15	Do not name after a person
16	Dr. Seuss
17	Duke Ellington
18	Dwayne Johnson
19	Edwin B. Henderson
20	Elizabeth Guzman
21	Ella Fitzgerald
22	Elmer E Ellsworth
23	Francis Elementary
24	Freedom
25	Future Legends of Alexandria
26	George Lewis Seaton
27	Gerry Bertier
28	Gloria E Anzaldúa
29	H.J. Wesley Elementary
30	Helen Keller
31	Hughes or Langston Hughes
32	Isaac Newton

33	James Armistead Lafayette
34	John Porter
35	Keisel Elementaria
36	King Ahmadzai
37	Kris Clark
38	Leonardo Da Vinci School of STEM
39	Lewis & Clark
40	Lila Meade Valentine
41	Little Fairy
42	Lucy Addison
43	Lynwood Campbell
44	Madam C.J. Walker
45	Mahatma Gandhi
46	Martin Luther King Jr.
47	Maya Angelou
48	Muhammad Ali
49	Oprah Winfrey
50	Patsy Ticer
51	Pocahontas
52	Pontiac West End
53	Queen Bee
54	Robert C. Scott
55	Robert W. Peebles
56	Sandra Day O'Connor
57	Sara Kemp Brady
58	Selena Quintanilla
59	Simón Bolívar
60	Susan B. Anthony
61	The Friendship School
62	Tito Puente
63	Van Landingham
64	Voltaire

The following names were eliminated by the committee from further consideration at meetings #2 (11/29/17) and #3 (12/6/17).

Names NOT Selected for Further Consideration (committee meetings #2 & #3)	
1	Abraham Lincoln
2	Alexandria Elementary
3	Beacon Elementary School
4	Beauregard Elementary School

5	Bill Euille (William D. Euille Elementary)
6	Boone (Herman Boone) Elementary
7	Bynum Elementary
8	Crawley Elementary
9	Dave Grohl Elementary School *COMMITTEE NOTE: FUTURE CONSIDERATION FOR MUSIC ROOM?*
10	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School
11	Fitzhugh Lee
12	Harriet Beecher Stowe
13	Harriet Jacobs
14	Jack Taylor Elementary School
15	Jefferson Davis
16	Jen Walker
17	John Alexander
18	John Tyler Elementary School
19	John Warner
20	Lady Liberty Elementary
21	Liberty Elementary School
22	Living Legends of Alexandria
23	Maggie L. Walker Elementary School
24	Malcolm X
25	The Mill School
26	Neil de Grasse Tyson
27	New Hope Elementary
28	Nikki Giovanni Elementary School
29	P.S. #1 - W. E. or Public School #1 - West End or PS-W #1
30	Rayburn Elementary School
31	Richmond elementary school
32	Sarah A. Gray Elementary
33	Snowden-Hallowell
34	Susan B. Anthony
35	Taney Elementary
36	The Hope School
37	Thomas "Petey" Jones
38	Trump (Donald J. Trump Elementary School)
39	West Alexandria Elementary
40	West End Elementary *COMMITTEE NOTE: FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS POTENTIAL HYBRID NAME?*
41	Yvonne B. Miller

Therefore, the following names are still under consideration by the committee.

<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDED NAMES FOR NEW WEST END ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION (after committee meeting #4)</p>	
Significant Contribution to Alexandria - Living	
1	Arlene Moore
Significant Contribution to Alexandria - Deceased	
2	A. Melvin Miller
3	Edmonson
4	Ferdinand T. Day
5	Funn-Day (Carlton Funn & Ferdinand T. Day)
6	Harriet Ann Jacobs
7	Margaret Brent
8	Mary E. Randolph
9	Rocky Versace or Humbert Roque Versace
10	Sarah A. Gray
Virginia Historical Figures - Living	
11	Douglas E. Wilder
12	Katherine Johnson
13	Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson STEM School or the Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson Elementary School
Virginia Historical Figures - Deceased	
14	Barbara Rose Johns
15	Mary Jackson
16	Mildred and Richard Loving
National & International Historical Figures - Living	
17	Barack/Michelle Obama
18	Ellen Ochoa
19	Ruth Bader Ginsburg
20	Sonia Sotomayor
21	Sylvia Mendez

4. Next Steps and Preparation for Upcoming Committee Meeting

The following committee members and staff volunteered to bring research on the following recommended individuals to the January 17, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. Alfaro and Ms. Van Pelt - Sylvia Mendez
- Ms. Weber and Ms. Bechtol - Barbara Rose Johns
- Ms. Dunkley – Ellen Ochoa
- Ms. Abbruzzese – Mary Randolph
- Chair Anderson – Sarah Gray

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the teachers and students who had submitted naming recommendations through classroom activities. Ms. Abbruzzese will send a letter of thanks to the classes who participated on behalf of the committee.

5. Adjourn

Ms. Weber moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alfaro seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by all those present, 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the West End Elementary School Naming Committee will be held January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Adams Elementary School Media Center.

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