



Corvallis School District  
School Renaming Task Force  
January 5, 2021  
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Task Force Members Present:

Eliza Barstow, Hannah Briggs, Chris Bueford, Sherri Gates, Ruby Hoffman, Ginger McQueen, Melissa Miller, Jaime Sarabia, Sravya Tadepalli, Jason Thomas, Yan Wang

Others Present:

Eric Beasley, Wildcat Elementary Principal; Julie Catala, Staff Support; Bobby Daniels, Co-Facilitator; Brenda Downum, Communications Coordinator; Melissa Harder, Assistant Superintendent; Ryan Noss, Superintendent; Melanie Quaempts, Facilitator; Luhui Whitebear, School Board Liaison

**I. Welcome**

Dr. Quaempts outlined the agenda and process for this meeting.

**II. Current School/Facility Name Discussion**

Task force members split into small groups to discuss their ideas regarding which of the remaining schools and facilities within the District (other than Husky, Jaguar, and Wildcat elementary schools) should be renamed, as well as those which should not be renamed. When the full group reconvened, members shared their opinions.

**III. Member Vote on Names Moving Forward for Recommending Name Changes**

Task force members who were present voted on which other schools and facilities should be recommended to Superintendent Noss for renaming, and identified which of the School Board's conditions supported their votes. The members who were absent will provide their votes to Dr. Quaempts separately to be added to those of the rest of the group. Dr. Quaempts indicated that this information will be included in the final report that will be presented to Superintendent Noss.

**IV. Reflections From Superintendent Noss**

Superintendent Noss expressed deep appreciation to the task force for their commitment and courage evident through this process. He praised the relationships and camaraderie that have developed, and thanked the group for taking on the large amount of homework assigned between meetings. He applauded their impressive feat that is nearing completion.

## **V. Discuss Independent Tasks in Preparation for Final Meeting**

In preparation for the final meeting of the task force, Dr. Quaempts will send members a survey through which they can suggest new names for consideration by the task force and provide their supporting rationale for each suggestion. Additionally, task force members will review and reflect on the input and discussion provided thus far and prepare to vote on a list of new names to recommend to the superintendent for the three elementary schools already identified by the school board for renaming (Husky, Jaguar, and Wildcat).

Notes compiled by: Julie Catala