



**Corvallis School District
School Renaming Task Force
October 13, 2020
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Task Force Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Eric Beasley, Wildcat Elementary Principal; Julie Catala, Staff Support; Bobby Daniels, Co-Facilitator; Brenda Downum, Communications Coordinator; Anna Marie Gosser, Husky Elementary Principal; Beth Martin, Jaguar Elementary Principal; Ryan Noss, Superintendent; Melanie Quaempts, Facilitator; Luhui Whitebear, School Board Liaison

I. Welcome

Mr. Noss and Ms. Quaempts welcomed the group and set the stage for the evening. Mr. Noss provided background as to what led to the creation of this task force, citing the equity work the District has been engaged in over the last several years.

II. Features and Functions of Zoom

Ms. Quaempts provided training about the Zoom platform to ensure that attendees were able to fully participate in the meeting.

III. Getting to Know One Another

Participants gathered in breakout rooms; they shared a little about themselves and explained why they wanted to be on the Task Force. The full group reconvened and shared their reflections from the exercise.

IV. Engagement Agreements and Supports

Ms. Quaempts led a discussion regarding the various roles of those in the meeting. The district is committed to holding the beliefs and values that inform this process beyond new names for schools and carrying them long into the future. It was agreed that District leaders and the school board liaison will be observers and historians; task force members will be engaged in the work through active listening and courageous conversations, and they will seek input from and represent the wider community.

V. Seeing the Forest (Big Picture) – Noticing the Tree (Tonight’s Tasks)

Ms. Quaempts provided grounding for the work of the task force, and illustrated how incremental steps relate to the overall charge of the task force.

VI. Developing a Consensus for the Process & Mapping Out Our 6 Week Plan

Ms. Quaempts suggested dates for future meetings; she asked task force members to notify her within the next couple of days regarding any dates that will be problematic for their schedules.

VII. Reflection and Key Takeaways

Participants responded to prompts designed to help them reflect on the meeting.

Compiled by: Julie Catala