



Corvallis School District
School Renaming Task Force
December 1, 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, Melissa Miller, 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; Beth Martin, Jaguar Elementary Principal; Melanie Quaempts, Facilitator; Marcianne Rivero Koetje, ELL and Dual Language Coordinator; Luhui Whitebear, School Board Liaison

I. Welcome

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

II. Whole Group & Breakout Rooms

During small group breakout sessions, task force members discussed the results of the name ranking survey, which included 38 names. When the large group reconvened, each small group explained their rationale for the names they recommended moving forward. Consensus was reached on the draft list of names for which public input would be sought.

III. Feedback from DELTA

Hannah Briggs updated the group on the feedback she received after sharing the names under consideration by the task force. She said DELTA members were pleased with and grateful for such a diverse group of names, and their input signaled that they would support any of the names were they to be recommended to the Superintendent.

IV. Feedback from Local Tribes

Luhui Whitebear provided an update on the outreach she did to local tribes. The tribe that was able to respond indicated a preference for the School District to make its recommendations to the Superintendent before seeking feedback from the tribe regarding the names.

V. Discuss Next Steps & Final Reflections

Task force members discussed whether to move the December 8 meeting to December 15 in order to allow more time for public input on the names currently under consideration, or to add an additional meeting on December 15. Consensus was reached to add an additional meeting on December 15 and to meet on December 8 as scheduled. At next week's meeting, the agenda will include feedback from the upcoming SAFE (Students Advocating For Equity) meeting, as well as results from middle school student research.

A list of the names being considered will be pushed out for public input in the next few days, and will include brief information about each name. Additionally, a student-friendly input form made by Ginger McQueen will be provided to students at Husky, Jaguar, and Wildcat Elementary Schools. Dr. Quaempts will follow up with Superintendent Noss regarding whether to send the survey to students at all District schools.

Notes compiled by: Julie Catala