

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Naming of School District Facilities and School Mascots

The naming of a new school and its mascot shall take place in the following manner:

- A. The Superintendent or designee shall select a Committee whose purpose shall be to submit to the School Board a list of - not less than three or more than five – names for the new school and mascot. The list shall identify each school name and mascot and briefly state why the Committee nominated each school name and mascot. The Committee shall solicit nominations from students and the community.
- B. The Committee shall follow these guidelines:
 1. Each school name shall be known to and be significant to the residents of the District.
 2. The school names submitted shall not conflict with the names of others schools in the District or surrounding districts.
 3. The use of names of living persons shall be avoided unless the circumstances warrant an exception. Generally, if facilities are to be named after persons, it should only be after that person has been deceased for at least five years.
 4. Mascots shall reflect a positive school image with an emphasis on expression of school unity and pride.
- C. The Committee shall present the list of school names and mascots to the Board for consideration.
- D. The School Board may select the name of the new facility and mascot from the list or may choose another name and mascot that they deem more appropriate for the new school.
- E. Formal dedication of the facility shall take place on a date and time specified by the School Board. In recognition of the efforts of those involved in the project, a plaque containing the following information shall be attached to a new building.
 1. School name;
 2. Board-approved construction date;
 3. Completion or dedication date;
 4. Names of School Board members in the following order as of the date of Board approval for Intent To Construct Facility (D-9):
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President
 - c. Members (alphabetically)
 5. Superintendent
 6. Architect and contractor names

Distinctive portions of a building or the grounds– such as gyms, fields, libraries, etc. – will be named only at the initiation of the School Board. Existing mascots will be re-named only at the initiation of the School Board or when required by law.

- F. If the School Board decides to name a part of a facility or the grounds, the community will be solicited to suggest names for that facility. A community-wide process will be initiated to look at all names for consideration which might be deserving of such a recognition. The Superintendent or designee shall select a Committee whose purpose shall be to review the submissions and the rationale for the submissions, and make a recommendation to the School Board for naming the facility.
- G. If the School Board decides to re-name a mascot, or if a change is required by law, the community will be solicited to suggest names for the mascot. The Superintendent or designee shall select a Committee whose purpose shall be to submit to the School Board a list of - not less than three or more than five – names for the new mascot. The list shall identify each mascot and briefly state why the Committee nominated each school mascot. The Committee shall solicit nominations from students and the community.
- H. The Superintendent or designee shall give the submission along with the Committee recommendation to the School Board for final approval.

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