

Naming the New K-8

September 21, 2022

Name Nomination History

● 1983-2012

- Name recommendations for new facilities were selected by the School Facility Naming Advisory Committee. It was composed of two citizens from each of the Board of Education Director Districts. The recommendations were then forwarded to the Board of Education, which was responsible for the final selection of the name for the facility.
- The Committee would generally recommend one-three names for consideration by the Board.

● 2013-Present

- **Name recommendations for new facilities are selected by the Facility Planning Advisory Committee. Although the Naming of Facilities policy (FF) specifies that a subcommittee of the FPAC be formed, the entire committee has voted to serve on the subcommittee. The recommendations are then forwarded to the Superintendent to present to the Board of Education, which continues to be responsible for the final selection of the name for the facility.**
- **The Committee has generally recommended three names to the Board for consideration.**
- **There is no Board policy regarding the naming of schools or facilities.**

Current Superintendent Policy - FF

NAMING OF FACILITIES

The Superintendent directs that procedures and guidelines be established in order that the naming of new facilities, significant public venues, including but not limited to gymnasiums, athletic fields, or track areas, and other existing district or building space can be accomplished in an expeditious and systematic manner.

A subcommittee of the Facility Planning Advisory Committee shall be formed, and a process created for submitting suggested names of new facilities to the Superintendent.

The final decision in naming of the facility or significant public venue will be the responsibility of the Board of Education.

Procedures for naming significant public venues and other existing district or building space can be found in Superintendent Policy FF-R.

Names of existing schools shall not be changed except when authorized by the Board of Education.

Adopted: November 22, 1983

Revised: July 30, 2013

Revised: February 10, 2014

Revised: September 3, 2015

School Naming Traditions

- Elementary and Middle Schools traditionally are named for:
 - the geographical area in which they are located
 - a person who been outstanding in furthering the cause of better schools in 27J Schools
 - an outstanding citizen of 27J Schools, the state, or nation who has worked toward a better community and better schools
 - If the school is named after a person, the person is to be retired from active participation in school affairs or deceased.
- High Schools traditionally are named for:
 - the locality or community in which they are located.

New K-8 Naming Process

- **FPAC**
 - Discussion regarding nominated names
 - Each committee member submitted three votes to determine top three nominations to present to the Board of Education
- **Board of Education**
 - The Board will make its decision at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 27th
- **Communications Department**
 - Release the announcement of the name following the September 27th meeting

FPAC Naming Process Recap

- **The Facility Planning Advisory Committee began discussing the naming process for the New K-8 in March 2021.**
- **It was decided to accept name nominations until Friday, September 1st.**
- **In July, the District issued press releases requesting nominations. The press release and nomination forms were posted to the District website as well.**
- **Nomination updates were sent to committee members periodically through July and August.**

New K-8 Name Nominations

Proposed Name (if a person)		Proposed Name (if not a person)
Alida Avery	Gene DeLay	Artemis
Alida Cornelia Avery	Jane Talbot	Barb
Antonio B Esquibel	Jessica Watkins	Clear Creek
Bill and Carol Sarchet	Jim Jaeger	Discovery Magnet
Booker T. Washington	Joan Kniss	Fossil Ridge Academy
Brandon Salano	John Biner	Holly Tree
Brian Jones	Kay Collins	Illumination
Carol Sarchet	Maksi	Moreland
Clara Brown	Margaret Mead	Soaring Eagles
Coach John Martinez	Nicki Minaj	Todd Creek
Collier Science Academy	Rob Tate	Willow Bend
Corbett	Robert Bishop-Cotner	Willow Bend Academy
Daniel Isaac J Thornton	Ron Post	
David E. Rose	The Collier Learning Center	
Eileen McDonald	Tom Ritter	
Einstein	Valerie Ortega	
Ernesto R. Lopez Jr.	William McGuffey	
Forest Gump	Zora L. Cunningham	

FPAC Naming Recap (cont.)

- The FPAC met on Thursday, September 8th, to narrow the nominations for submission to the Superintendent and Board of Education. The committee voted to recommend the following names (in alphabetical order):

Alida Avery

Discovery

Moreland

Reasons for Nominations

Alida Avery

Alida Avery (1833–1908) was a Vassar College faculty member and a physician. In Colorado, she was thought to be the first woman licensed to practice medicine in the state. She was also the Superintendent of Hygiene for Colorado. Avery was among the first women first admitted to the Denver Medical Society. She was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in 2020 for her contributions in medicine in Colorado. She was among the first women to be admitted into the Denver Medical Society back in 1881. She also worked for the suffrage movement, serving as the Vice President of the Women's Suffrage Association, helping to create the reform strategy that led to women gaining the right to vote in Colorado. She served as a professor at Vassar, teaching about hygiene and physiology, and helped create the academic program for drama.

Discovery

Students discovering science and technology. Want kids to discover and be drawn to it like a magnet.

Moreland

Historic district (District 81 organized 1889)