

New School in the 5th Ward Name Committee

June 28, 2024



EVANSTON/SKOKIE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes

School Name -- Process



Naming Buildings and Facilities D65 Board Policy 4:150

Recognizing that the name for a school building, facility, or ground or field reflects on its public image, the Board's primary consideration **will be to select a name that enhances the credibility and stature of the school or facility**. Any request to name or rename an existing facility should be submitted to the Board of Education. When a facility is to be named or renamed, the Board President will appoint **a special committee to consider nominations and make a recommendation, along with supporting rationale**, to the Board. The Board will make the final selection. The committee will:

1. Encourage input from the community, staff members, and students.
2. Give consideration to names of local communities, neighborhoods, streets, landmarks, history of the area, and individuals who have made a contribution to the District, community, State, or nation.
3. Ensure that the name will not duplicate or cause confusion with the names of existing facilities in the District.
4. Cost considerations.



School Name -- Process



Directives

1. Community-based
2. Representative
3. Avoid names of individuals
4. Seek school names that inspire and connect

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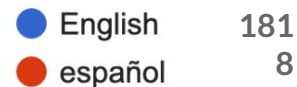
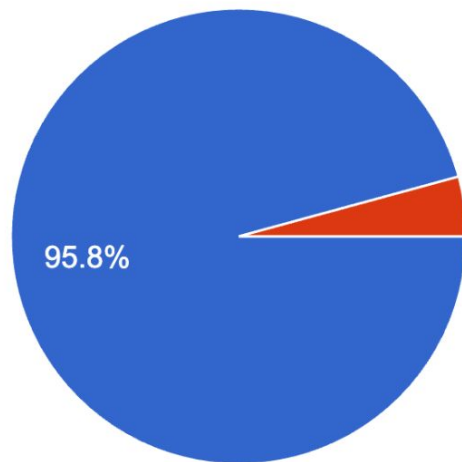
1. 5th Ward Survey Amplifying Voices in 2023
2. Foster Senior Group Meeting - September 2023 to review survey outcomes and prioritize names:
 - i. 5th Ward Foster School
 - ii. Foster School
 - iii. New Foster School
 - iv. 5th Ward School
3. Ms. JoAnn's class of 3rd - 5th graders at Family Focus (54 students)
4. 5th Ward and Bessie Rhodes School Community Name Survey
5. D65 Board Committee review results to nominate a name to the Board.

School Name -- 5th Ward and Bessie Rhodes Survey

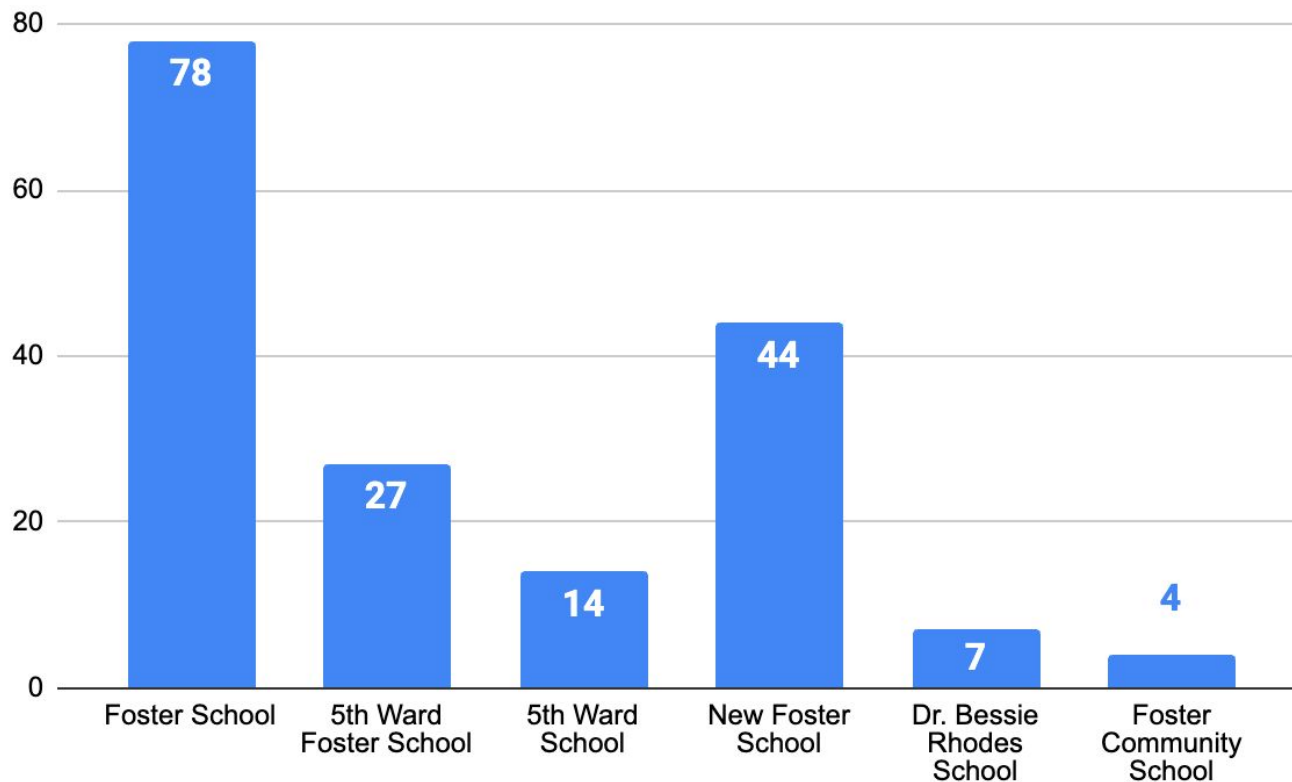


English o en español?

189 responses



School Name -- 5th Ward and Bessie Rhodes Survey



Single Votes: Don Michelin, Obama, Madelyn B. DuCre, Marie Smith, Ashland, Fullerton, West End, Spencer

School Mascot: Ms. JoAnn's Students' Story



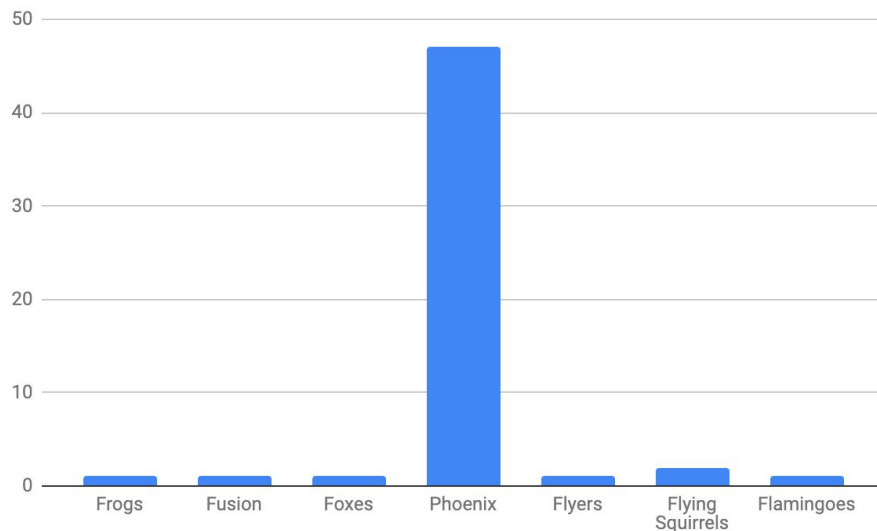
1. History Lesson: Foster School & the 5th Ward



School Mascot: Ms. JoAnn's Students' Story



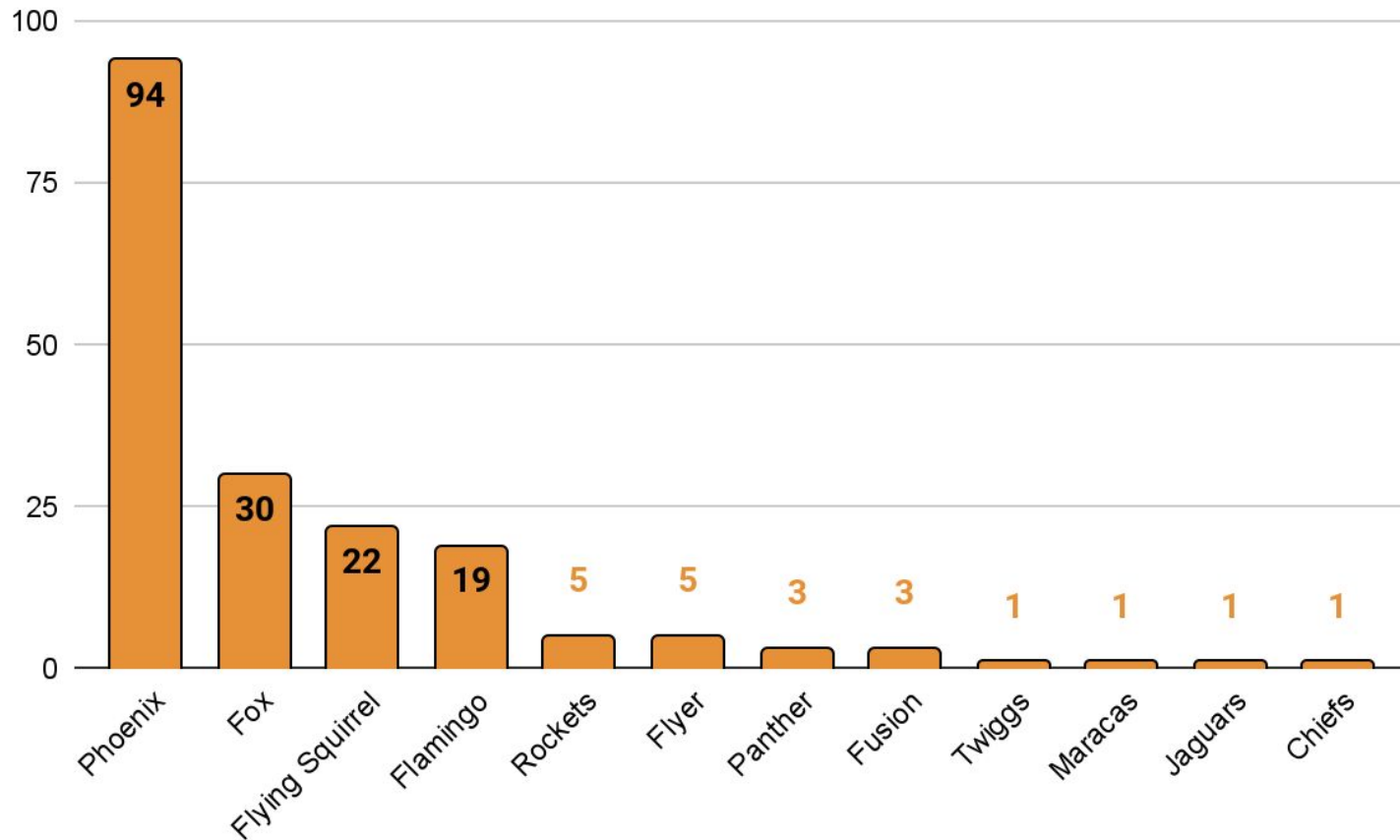
● Frogs	1
● Fusion	1
● Foxes	1
● Phoenix	47
● Flyers	1
● Flying Squirrels	2
● Flamingoes	1



Phoenix

- Rising from the ashes of its previous life, the phoenix is a symbol of hope, of life, and of better things to come.
- Born from the knowledge and experience of difficult times and challenging circumstances, the Phoenix is a mythical bird associated with renewal and regeneration.

School Mascot -- 5th Ward and Bessie Rhodes Survey



School Name & Mascot: Nomination Committee



- Ms. JoAnn Avery, Family Focus
- Ms. Vanessa Allen, Family Focus
- Rep. Bobby Burns, 5th Ward Councilmember
- Pastor Ken Cherry, Fleetwood-Jourdain
- Tracy Hubbard, Bessie Rhodes Librarian
- Alanna Williams, 5th Ward Resident
- Charlise Berkel, Bessie Rhodes Principal

1 invited Bessie Rhodes members and a 5th ward resident did not participate



SCHOOL NAME: Foster School Phoenix (Fénix)

Suggested school bylines:

- Rising from the knowledge and experience of difficult times and challenging circumstances to **foster** a community of learners and leaders in the 5th Ward.
- **Foster**ing a community of learners and leaders in the 5th Ward



Honoring Dr. Bessie Rhodes



- **Dr. Bessie Rhodes School Library**
- **A tribute to Dr. Bessie Rhodes within the School's History Hall for the 5th Ward and Foster School**



Foster School

