

**Riverside Unified School District
Operations Division
Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships Committee Meeting
August 27, 2018
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Conference Room 3
3380 14th St., Riverside, CA 92501**

MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER: 3:00 p.m. by Kathy Allavie

PRESENT: Kathy Allavie and Angelov Farooq, Board Members, and Sergio San Martin, Assistant Superintendent, Operations.

Also present were Ryan Lewis, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Anazele Gonzalez, Planning and Development Director, Lari Nelson, Bryant Elementary School Principal; Dennis Deets, Riverside Virtual School Principal; Gary Reller, Matthew Gage Middle School Principal, and Lizette Delgado, (Recorder).

Action/Discussion Items

1. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Farooq moved and Mrs. Allavie seconded to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018, meeting, with corrections.

2. Renaming of the Riverside Virtual School Application

Per Board Policy #7310 – Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships, the committee reviewed and discussed an application that was received to rename the Riverside Virtual School to “The Eliza Tibbets Academy”.

Staff provided background information on the application and stated it was being resubmitted for the committee’s consideration. The committee, after receiving input from staff, made the recommendation to rename the school to “Riverside Personalized Learning School,” since the school has become more of a personalized learning school for the past ten years. Staff agreed with the recommendation and it will be presented for approval of the Board of Education at the October 2, 2018, regularly scheduled meeting.

Dennis Deets, school principal, was asked to coordinate with the Planning and Development, and Communications Departments concerning the renaming of the school ceremony.

3. Planting of a Tree to Memorialize Maria “Pia” Zarate, Former Teacher at Matthew Gage Middle School, Application

Per Board Policy #7310 – Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships, the committee reviewed and discussed an application that was received to plant a tree to memorialize Mrs. Maria “Pia” Zarate, a former teacher at Matthew Gage Middle School.

Staff provided background information concerning the application and after a brief discussion,

Mrs. Allavie moved and Dr. Farooq seconded to approve the application as presented.

The application for the planting of a tree to memorialize Ms. Maria “Pia” Zarate at Matthew Gage Middle School will be submitted for the approval of the Board of Education at the October 2, 2018, regularly scheduled meeting.

Gary Reller, school principal, was asked to coordinate with the Planning and Development Department concerning the planting of the tree and the plaque to memorialize Ms. Zarate.

4. Naming of Bryant Elementary School Library After Gayle Cloud, Former Board of Education Member

Per Board Policy #7310 – Memorials, Naming of School Facilities, and Sponsorships, the committee reviewed and discussed an application that was been received to name the Bryant Elementary School Library after Mrs. Gayle Cloud, a former Board of Education member and an active community volunteer. During her tenure as a member of the Board of Education, Mrs. Cloud achieved several accomplishments that have made a difference in the lives of students and families served by RUSD.

The committee received input from Lari Nelson, Bryant Elementary School Principal, and from Dr. Farooq. Mr. Allavie moved and Dr. Farooq second to approve the application as presented.

Committee members asked staff to coordinate a visit to the school to finalize details such as following format from previous library dedications, to determine the location of the lettering on the Library wall, and to work together with the Planning and Development, and Communications departments regarding the dedication ceremony.

Conclusion

Committee Members Comments

There were no comments from the Committee members.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.