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899 NAMING SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for naming school buildings or facilities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The naming or renaming of school buildings or facilities is the responsibility of the school board. ~~Names will be land or nature based, reflecting geographic locations or topographical character. If a building or facility is to be named after an individual, that person shall have attained local or national prominence via significant contributions in a field of endeavor. The contributions or the significance of their place in history shall be clearly established beyond the generation of the contribution.~~

The policy of the school board is to name school buildings at the time of construction. Major components of school buildings (media centers, theaters, gymnasiums, fields, etc.) may be named at any time on recommendation from the building principal or by action of the school board.

~~The School board reserves all rights in the naming or renaming of school buildings, facilities or components of school buildings.~~

~~Whether naming a building, facility, or building component, the aforementioned criteria shall apply. The school board may establish a committee including five to seven residents. The committee will consult with local tribal nations and, which will receive suggestions from the community, staff, and students. This committee shall be representative of the entire school district and will propose a name or names to the school board. The school board reserves all rights in the naming or renaming of school buildings, facilities, or components of school buildings.~~

Collections of works or other major gifts to the school district may be acknowledged and named by individual schools, subject to the district's gift policy.

III. NAMING PROCESS

~~The school board may direct the superintendent or designee to establish a committee for the purpose of recommending no more than three name options for the school or facility. The committee membership shall be representative of the entire community.~~

and its work shall engage the entire community. The process may include receiving suggestions from students, staff and community members.

The committee shall include the following in its recommendations:

- A summary of any research of historical and community-based information used to make the recommendation;
- A summary of the suggestions/comments received from students, staff and community members;
- For names after persons, examples of the criteria for character, contributions or achievements that the recommended name exemplifies.

IV. GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR NAMING SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR FACILITIES

Whether naming or renaming a building, facility, or building component, the school board shall choose names that are likely to retain meaning for students and community members during the projected life of the facility. Names may be land- or nature-based, or reflect geographic locations, topographical character or prominent persons who have attained regional, state or national repute via significant contribution in a field of endeavor.

In all cases, the name selected shall reflect and uphold the core values of District 191.

Legal References:

Cross References: Burnsville-Eagan-Savage District Policy 706 (Acceptance of Gifts)