
Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE:	Pike Renaming Process
DATE:	October 8, 2020
RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:	Doug Brubaker, Ph.D. Superintendent
VISION 2023 STRATEGY:	2. Equity 4. Learning Environments/Facilities

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

On August 24, the Board approved the attached resolution to “adopt a new name for Albert Pike Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year.” The resolution also calls for the process to involve Albert Pike Elementary School stakeholders.

On September 29, the district released an electronic survey to solicit input about potential new names for Albert Pike Elementary School. A link was posted to the district web site for community access; the link was also sent directly to Albert Pike Elementary students, parents, and staff members.

People who preferred to fill out a paper copy of the survey had that option. Copies were available in the Albert Pike Elementary office and available upon request at the FSPS Service Center. The results of all surveys have been compiled. Extensive input has been received from students, staff members, and the community; there were over 800 responses as of October 7. Based on board discussions and the volume of stakeholder input, the Administration has developed two options for the Board to consider regarding the next steps in the process.

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1. The Board may choose a new name for Albert Pike Elementary School.
2. The Board may name a Pike Renaming Committee to process the submitted suggestions to prepare for further consideration by the Board at a future meeting. If the Board selects this option, the following plan is recommended:
 - a. The Board discusses desired criteria for a new name for Albert Pike Elementary
 - b. The Board selects seven committee members to serve on the Pike Elementary Renaming Committee, with one member of the committee to be appointed by each Board member
 - c. Director of Elementary Education Dr. Mary Ann Johns and Albert Pike Elementary School Principal Mrs. Monica Austin recruit one Albert Pike Elementary School parent and one staff member to serve on the committee, for a total of eleven members
 - d. The Pike Renaming Committee meets prior to the October 26 Board of Education Meeting to sort the names submitted through the survey into the following three categories:
 - **Category A:** Potential school names submitted through the survey that align with the board-recommended criteria
 - **Category B:** Potential school names submitted through the survey that **do not** align with the board-recommended criteria
 - **Category C:** Other school names submitted through the survey
 - e. The Board of Education meets on October 26, reviews the work of the committee, adopts a new name for Albert Pike Elementary, and authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee to make arrangements necessary to implement the adoption of the new name in time for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board choose one of the two courses of action described below:

If the Board prefers to select a name, the motion would read: ***move to adopt _____ as the new name for Albert Pike Elementary and authorize the Superintendent to make preparations necessary to implement the transition to the new name for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.***

If the Board prefers to move forward with a renaming committee process, the motion would read: ***move to adopt the committee process for the renaming of Albert Pike Elementary School as described in the abstract.***

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