

Naming the New High School

Historical Survey and Recommendations – November 14, 2016

Introduction

The Beaverton School District continues to grow. This has been a common theme for the past several decades. Growth within the District's service boundary is projected into the 2020s. Washington County pioneer settlers faced similar growth issues in the 1850s. One of the challenges was finding enough farmland to accommodate the steady stream of new settlers coming west on the Oregon Trail.

In May 2014, the Beaverton community passed a record \$680 million bond measure to relieve overcrowding in schools by building three new schools (a new high school, a new middle school, and a new elementary school), demolishing and rebuilding four existing schools (Vose, Hazeldale, William Walker elementaries, and the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy), making repairs and improvements to current schools facilities, and investing in technology infrastructure and learning tools over an eight-year period.

In order to build the new high school, opening September 2017, the Beaverton School District acquired the Ward (30.73 acres) and the Crescent Grove Cemetery Association (15.67 acres) properties totaling about 45 acres for the sixth comprehensive high school in the South Cooper Mountain area. This area is slated to grow exponentially in the next ten years with mixed residential dwellings and businesses.

The area is bordered by the City of Beaverton to the east, the unincorporated but suburban Bull Mountain community to the southeast, and the City of Tigard further to the southeast. It was added by Metro to the Urban Growth Boundary on Oct. 20, 2011.

The District recently concluded an extensive, yearlong process to determine the new high school boundaries that will go into effect when the new school opens in September 2017.

Native Americans were first to inhabit this land

The Atfalati (pronounced "at-FALL-ah-tee"), a tribe of the Kalapuya, were the first to inhabit the area of what is now eastern Washington County. The Atfalati band of the Kalapuya Indians, settled in the basin of the Tualatin Valley some 10,000 years ago. The traveling tribe's range extended from villages at Wapato Lake in what is now Forest Grove to Chakeipi, or "Place of the Beaver," known today as Beaverton.

The tribe was decimated by disease, likely malaria, as they interacted with the explorers and traders coming to the area from the Oregon Trail. The Atfalati population, estimated at 30,000, was reduced to 600 by the time the early settlements began.

Historical Overview of the Knittel/Kulbel/Ward Farmstead

Research into the possible historic value of the farmstead was conducted through an Oregon State Historic Preservation survey, as required prior to the high school construction. The farmstead included two residences, a circa 1910 farmhouse that was extensively remodeled in the 1960s and a circa 1945 Minimal Traditional/Ranch residence that was expanded in the 1950s. Outbuildings included a circa 1910-1920 Dutch Gambrel barn, several sheds/shelters, and a detached garage. Findings: The farmstead had lost historical integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association, and thus is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Knittel/Kulbel/Ward farmstead was situated on the north side of SW Scholls Ferry Road on a south facing slope of Cooper Mountain overlooking the Tualatin Valley. It was on a portion of the original Miles and Jane Davies 1850s Donation Land Claim (DLC). The Davies traveled the Oregon Trail from Indiana in 1853 and settled their claim that year (Flora 2004).

The Scholls area to the west is named for Peter Scholls, who operated a ferry over the Tualatin River (McArthur 1982:655). The Scholls community was known for its fruit and nut production. Cooper Mountain to the north of the farmstead was logged and several mills operated on its slopes (Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces 2005:14). German and Swiss settlers were drawn to Washington County and the Cooper Mountain area for dairy farming (Buan 1999:111).

An early iteration of Scholls Ferry Road ran east-to-west north of its current location (GLO 1852, 1854). The farmstead was associated with the small agricultural community of Kinton. Kinton was named for Peter Kindt, who came overland with Miles and Jane Davies in 1853, and who had married their daughter Phoebe shortly before starting the journey. The Kindt's settled west of the Davies DLC (Beckham 1976). The Kinton community is centered at the intersection of SW Tile Flat Road and SW Scholls Ferry Road. There, Peter Kindt's 1863 house, the Kinton Grange, and the remains of the 1908 Kinton Schoolhouse still stand.

The Knittel/Kulbel/Ward farmstead was also on a portion of a former 46-acres parcel which straddled SW Scholls Ferry Road and was owned by William and H. (Hermine) Knittel. The Knittels purchased the acreage from Orin W. and Myrtle A. Hearth in 1897 (Washington County Courthouse, Hillsboro, Oregon (WCC) 1897; Indirect Deed Book [DB] Knittel from Heach [sic]; Wilkes Bros. Abstract Co. 1909). Charles M. Kulbel and his wife Elizabeth purchased the 46-acre farm in 1924 from William Knittel who by then was widowed (WCC 1924: DB 128, page 179). Charles M. Kulbel married Elizabeth Zwicky in 1914. Both of Elizabeth's parents were from Switzerland (United States Bureau of the Census [USBC] 1930).

The Kulbels lived in Portland where Charles worked as a machinist (*The Morning Oregonian* 1914:13; R. L. Polk and Co. 1918). Charles and Elizabeth Kulbel moved to the farm property and lived there from the late 1920s to the late 1950s (Metsker Maps 1937). They raised two children, Charles G. and Goldwyn (USBC) 1930. The Kulbels acquired several other land parcels and created a large farm north of SW Scholls Ferry Road.

Charles Kulbel died in November, 1956 in a car accident on Reusser Road several miles north of their home (*The Oregonian* 1964:4). After the death of her husband, Mrs. Kulbel sold the farm in the late 1950s to Harold K. and Alma M. Ward; the deed was recorded in 1962 (WCC 1962: DB 472, page 218).

The Wards operated a small dairy farm and grew seasonal crops including potatoes, hay, wheat, and clover. Alma worked as an electronics technician until she retired in 1983 (*The Oregonian* 1992:E08). Alma died in 1992, and Harold in 2000 (Billion Graves 2015).

The Harold K. Ward Family Trusts property consisted of 30.73 acres. The Beaverton School District used eminent domain to acquire the property from the Ward Family Trusts in September 2013 for \$3.6 million.

Historical Overview of Davies/Walker/Hansen/Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children/Gordon R. Martin/Crescent Grove Cemetery Association Property

The property was also on a portion of the former Miles and Jane Davies 1850s Donation Land Claim (DLC). Early records show that Augustus Newton Davies, youngest son of Miles and Jane Davies, and his wife Rosalina sold about two acres to Albert L. Albertson in April 24, 1907 (Wash. Co. DB 76, page 175). Francis A., son of Augustus Newton Davies, and Ruth E. Davies sold a portion of their property to Francis' sister Rosaline R. Davies Walker and her husband Alexander Walker on May 16, 1942 (Wash. Co. DB 208, page 103).

Rosaline R. Davies and her husband Alexander Walker sold 81 acres to Edwin C. Hansen on August 3, 1942 (Wash. Co. DB 210, page 141). He farmed the land for many years. Hansen was born in Wisconsin and came from a large family with ten siblings. His father was from Minnesota and his mother was from Norway. The family owned and farmed land between Progress and Tile Flat Road. Edwin C. Hansen died on February 20, 1967 and willed his property to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children. Hansen had wanted to help children in some way since he had no children of his own, and his gift made this possible.


Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children sold the property on January 5, 1970 to Gordon R. Martin/Crescent Grove Cemetery Association (Wash. Co. DB 768, page 516). The Crescent Grove Cemetery Association purchased the land as a future extension of the existing cemetery. Established in 1852, Crescent Grove Cemetery & Mausoleum remains a non-profit, non-denominational cemetery located on Greenberg Road near the current Washington Square Mall. The pioneer cemetery lies along the southern edge of the extensive James Davies Land Grant. James Davies came to the Oregon territories the year before Miles Davies, his younger brother. The original area of cleared ground was in a crescent shape, which gave the cemetery its name. It is one of the oldest, historic pioneer cemeteries in the Portland Metro Area, and the final resting place for many early settlers and their families.

The land on Scholls Ferry Road & 175th was never used as a burial ground. The property has always been used for agricultural purposes. No developments or improvements were constructed on the property.

The Beaverton School District used eminent domain to acquire 15.67 acres from the Crescent Grove Cemetery Association for \$6.7 million.

A Google Earth map of the two properties follows on page 5.



GEOCON NORTHWEST, INC. 		SITE MAP	
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GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS 8283 SW CIRRUS DRIVE · BEAVERTON, OREGON 97008-5997 PHONE 503 626-9889 · FAX 503 626-8611		DSK / D000D	Date: November 2010

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Importance of schools in the area near the new high school....and growth

Schools were important to the early settlers. The areas west of the Miles and Jane Davies donation land claim were served by a series of schools. The Jacktown School District was established in 1856 about five miles northwest. In 1870, the Flint School was established. Early settler Peter Kindt was a school board member for the Flint School District. Classes were held in a building along Scholls Ferry Road just three miles west of his donation land claim. As the area's population grew, additional schools were built to keep to pace.

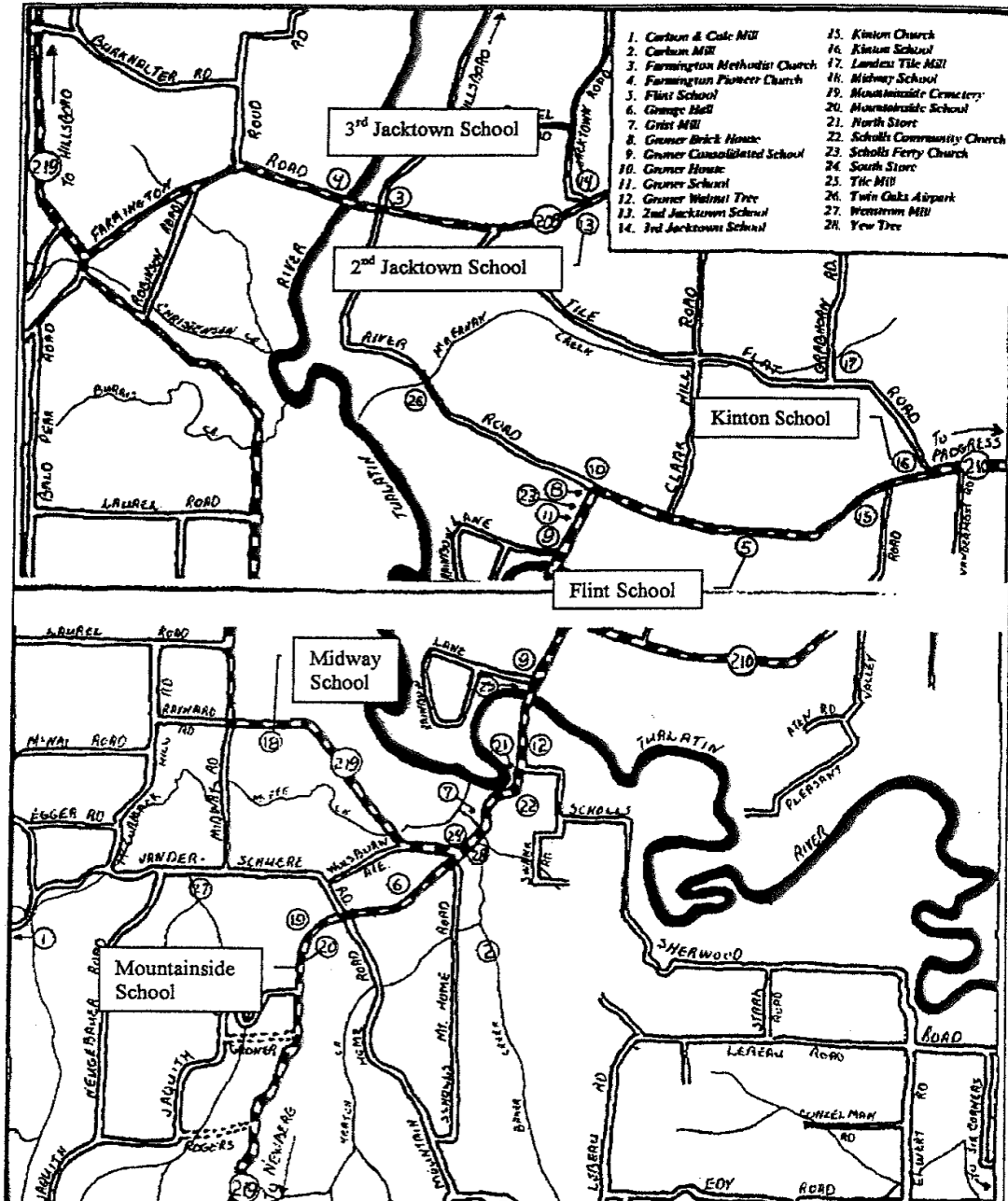
Four years after the Flint district (also known as Washington County District 39) was created, Mountainside School opened. In 1907, District 39 voted to split in two. The western half became the Groner School District and the eastern half became Kinton School District. Kinton was named for the community around the Kindt land, near Scholls Ferry Road and Tile Flat Roads about one mile from the new high school site. The Kinton and Groner communities constructed new school buildings in 1908. The Kinton School was expanded two years later to accommodate growth and additional grade levels. Construction also continued in the Jacktown School District with a new school completed in 1910.

Growth slowed in the 1940s and the one and two room schools of these early communities became outdated. In 1946, the Jacktown, Mountainside and Midway school merged with the Groner School District. Two years later, the Kinton School District dissolved, sending half of its students to Groner and the other half to Beaverton's McKay School. It seems that boundary changes were a challenge these communities dealt with too.

A granddaughter of Miles Davies, Merle Davies, would go on to a long career in education in Beaverton. She attended a three-room schoolhouse. Reportedly, the first three grades were in one room, the next three grades in the second room, and the third had the upper grades. She began teaching when she had to take over one of the rooms when the teacher was absent. She was in sixth grade and the tallest in her class. Merle Davies started her professional teaching career in 1916. She was principal of Beaverton Grade School by 1923. In all, she served the Beaverton community for 41 years. Merle Davies Annex (formerly an elementary school) on the Beaverton High School campus is named in her honor.

Sources: Sally Bunnell, Scholls Heights Elementary School Name Report, 1999; Virginia Mapes, Chakapei: "The Place of the Beaver"; Putnam, Scholls Ferry Days.

Map of early schools in the area follows on page 7.



Scholls Ferry Days (Randy Stradley)

Map: Early schools in the area
 Source: Scholls Ferry Days, Stradley

Community Suggestions for New High School Name

Times Suggested*	Historical Names	Background
1	Alonzo Cady High School	Built a boot and shoe business; later becoming Beaverton's first mayor in 1893.
2	Atfalati High School South Atfalati High School	Tribe of the Kalapuya Native Americans that settled in the basin of the Tualatin Valley.
3	Chakeipi High School	Native American tribe in area; Chakeipi means place of the beaver; was name of the village later called Beavertdam, and then Beaverton.
1	Columbus High School	Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer, navigator, colonizer, and citizen of the Republic of Genoa. Under the auspices of the Catholic Monarchs of Spain, he completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean.
1	Denney Hall High School	Thomas & Barilla Denney were early settlers in the area that would later become Beaverton. He built the first saw mill in the area. Lawrence Hall was the first settler in Beaverton building the first grist mill in the area.
1	Flint High School	H.L. Flint was an early settler in area and Board Member of Flint School (Kinton's previous school district).
1	Grande Ronde High School	Confederation of over 27 Native American tribes.
1	Joe Meek High School	Meek played a significant role in bringing Oregon into the United States in 1846-1848. A politician and a legislator in territorial Oregon, he helped ensure that Oregon became a free state in 1859, on the eve of the Civil War.
1	Kalapuya High School	Native American tribe in the area.
1	Kindt High School	Peter Kindt was an early settler in the area.
14	Kinton High School	Kinton community (just west of area) was named after Peter Kindt, an early settler.
1	Lewis & Clark High School	Capt. Meriwether Lewis and Lt. William Clark lead the first expedition to explore and map the newly acquired territory and to find a more direct route to the West.
1	L.S. Bierly High School	Flint (Kinton's previous school district) school clerk
1	Mary Ann Spencer High School	Beaverton area's first teacher
1	Moffat Brown High School	Tabitha Moffat Brown was known as the "Mother of Oregon."
1	Perry Cooper High School Perry High School	Pioneer who made his land claim in the 1850s on the slopes of what would become known as Cooper Mt.
26	Progress High School Progress Ridge High School	Originally an unincorporated neighborhood that stood apart from any city, most of Progress now lies within the city limits of either Tigard or Beaverton.
4	Scholls High School	Peter Scholl was an early settler in 1848; Kentucky-born grandnephew of Daniel Boone.
3	Scholls Ferry High School	Same as above
1	Scholls Heights High School	Scholls Heights Elementary in BSD
1	Scholls Point High School	Same as above
1	Scholls Valley High School	Same as above
1	Scholls Vista High School	Same as above

*includes Facebook Likes

Times suggested*	Community Names	Background and/or where name may be used in another Oregon or WA school
1	Arbor High School Arbor Glen High School Arbor Vista High School	Arbor School of Arts & Sciences, private school, Tualatin, OR Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines arbor as a shelter of vines or branches or of latticework covered with vines.
4	Beaumont High School	Means beautiful mountain; Beaumont Middle School, Portland Public Schools, OR
1	Beaver Hill High School	Beaverton, originally known as Beaverdam was home to the North American Beaver for thousands of years.
1	Beaver Ridge High School	Same as above
1	Beaver Valley High School	Beaver Valley Elementary School, Leavenworth, WA
1	Beacon Hills High School	
1	Boulder High School	
1	Briar Ridge High School	
1	Brook Valley High School	
2	Chinook Hills High School Chinook Valley High School	The modern Chinook Indian Nation consists of the Clatsop and Kathlamet of what is now Oregon and the Lower Chinook, Wahkiakum and Willapa of Washington State.
1	Cooper High School	Cooper Mountain is near the new high school.
1	Cooper Crest High School	Same as above
2	Cooper Heights High School	Same as above
35	Cooper Mountain High School	Cooper Mt. Elementary, Beaverton, OR
4	Cooper Ridge School	Cooper Mountain is near the new high school.
3	Cooper Valley High School	Same as above
3	Cooper Vista High School	Same as above
1	Cooper's Edge High School	Same as above
1	Cooperland High School	Same as above
8	Cooperside High School	Same as above
1	Eagle Crest High School	
5	Evergreen High School	Evergreen Middle School in Hillsboro, OR; Evergreen High School in Vancouver, WA
1	Foothills High School	
1	Forest Rim High School	
1	Forestry High School	
1	Greentree High School	
1	Harambe High School	17 yr. old male gorilla at the Cincinnati Zoo who was euthanized when a 3 year old boy entered his enclosure.
1	Hillcrest High School	Name suggested for the school's location near Cooper Mt.; Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility, Salem, OR; Hillcrest Elementary School in North Bend, OR
4	Hillside High School	Hillside Elementary School, Eagle Point, OR
1	Hillside Orchards High School	Scholls area was known for fruit and nut orchards.
1	Meadows Ridge High School	Meadow Park Middle School, Beaverton; South Meadows Middle School, Hillsboro; Open Meadow Middle School, private school, Portland
1	Hilltop High School	Hilltop Middle School, Ilwaco, WA; Hilltop Preschool and K, private Christian school, Portland, OR
2	Hyland Ridge High School	
1	Millennium High School	Millennium Elementary School, Kent, WA

Times suggested*	Community Names <i>(continued)</i>	Background and/or where name may be used in another Oregon or WA school
8	Monte Verde High School	Means green mountain
1	Mountaingate High School	
35	Mountainside High School	Former elementary school in the area west of the new high school; Mountainside Middle School, Spokane, WA
1	Mt. Williams High School	
1	Murray Glen High School	
6	Murrayhill High School	Residential and business area near Murray & Scholls Ferry Road
1	Noble High School	
1	North Butte High School	
1	North Hillside High School	
1	Northwood High School	
1	Pleasant Valley High School	Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Centennial SD, OR; Pleasant Valley Primary School, Vancouver, WA
1	Quackenbush Bottom High School	
1	Riverland High School	
3	Roy Rogers High School	Famous radio singer known as the “King of the Cowboys”; film and later, TV star with his horse Trigger; Washington County Commissioner Roy Rogers has served since 1985
1	Skyline High School	Skyline K-8, Portland Public Schools, OR
1	South Arroyo High School	
1	South Mountain High School	
6	Southside High School	Southside School District, Shelton, WA; similar to Southridge HS name
1	Spring High School	
1	Spring Hill High School	
1	Spring Valley High School	Former Spring Valley School in Polk County, OR, now a community center
1	Springbrook High School	Springbrook Education Center, Newberg (high school alternative program and middle school option); Springbrook Elementary, Kent SD, WA
1	Treeline High School	
1	Valley Ridge High School	
6	Valley View High School	Valley View Middle School, Snohomish, WA; Valley View Dayschool, (daycare) Clackamas, OR
1	Valley Vista High School	
4	Vintage High School	There are many vineyards in the area.
1	Vista View High School	
1	Walnut Vista	Walnut orchards were planted on the Ward property in the 1960s. Walnut Grove Elementary, Vancouver SD, WA
1	West Hill High School	West Hills Intermediate School, Pendleton, OR; West Hills Christian School, private school in Portland; West Hills Montessori School, Portland; Westhill Elementary School, Bothell, WA
1	Westside High School	Westside Christian High School, Tigard, OR; Westside Elementary School, Hood River, OR; Westside Village Charter School, Bend-LaPine SD, OR
2	Willamette Valley	Willamette High School, Bethel SD, Eugene area; Willamette Primary School, West Linn-Wilsonville SD, OR; Willamette Valley Christian School, Brooks, OR

Times Suggested	Honorary Names	Background
1	Andrew Keller Memorial High School	Former Southridge HS student graduated in 2008; Army Pfc. Andrew Keller was killed in action in Afghanistan August 15, 2012
1	Boyd Applegarth High School	Superintendent of Beaverton School District 1970-1989
2	Bill Bowerman High School	Nike co-founder and innovator
1	Governor Victor Atiyeh High School	(1923-2014); 32 nd Governor of Oregon 1979-1987; Oregon Senate 1965-1978; Oregon House 1959-1964
1	I.R. Metzler High School	Superintendent of District 48- 1926-1944; Union HS District in 1944-1954
2	Mark O. Hatfield High School	(1922-2011); U.S. Senator 1967-1997; 29 th Governor of Oregon 1959-1967; Secretary of State 1957-1959; Oregon Senate 1955-1957; Oregon House 1951-1955; served in the U.S. Navy during World War II
1	Ken Reusser High School	Most decorated Marine Aviator during World War II, Korean War & Vietnam War; flew 253 missions during three wars. The extended Reusser family has resided in the area for some time. SW Reusser Road was realigned and renamed SW 175 th Avenue
1	Veterans Memorial High School	To honor of all veterans

New High School Planning Principal Todd Corsetti's Community Outreach and Recommendations

The new high school planning team, along with a group of 30 students, worked from a list of community-generated school names to determine two finalists for submission to the School Board. We incorporated suggestions generated on the New BSD High School Facebook page along with most of the submissions from the community to the School Board. In addition, we collected planning team and student suggestions. We also used the Scholls Heights Elementary School naming report provided by BSD Public Communications Officer Maureen Wheeler to identify potential historical or community-related names in the location of the new high school. The final name list we considered topped 70 name suggestions.

The planning team spent an evening with almost 30 current 9th graders from Southridge and Beaverton (Aloha was also invited) who will attend the new school. They worked through protocols for the school name, school colors and the mascot. We understand that the School Board does not pick the colors or mascot. We have narrowed our color scheme to Black, Silver, White, and Columbia Blue (similar to the Carolina Panthers). For the mascot, the vote was almost unanimous for the Mavericks.

The name of the school was more difficult to narrow, however, the group's top two choices are:

First choice - Mountainside High School

Second choice - Cooper Vista High School

Here is the rationale for each name:

#1 - Mountainside High School

Describes the school at the side of Cooper Mountain. The group felt it was important for the name to either reflect the location where it resides or have historical significance. There is historic significance in the name as the new high school is near the site of one of the first elementary schools in the area: Mountainside Elementary. We also like the alliteration of Mountainside with Mavericks.

#2 - Cooper Vista High School

We like that it incorporates the name Cooper without reusing Cooper Mountain due to the existing elementary school. The group felt it was important for the name to reflect the location where it resides or have historical significance. Cooper denotes the Cooper Mountain area. Adding the word Vista helps to define the tremendous views from the school, as well as the view of Cooper Mountain, and also refers to the school having a vision and looking forward toward the horizon.

The group did not like the word Cooper alone and felt it needed another qualifying word with Cooper, like Vista. To that end, the group also considered other suggestions using Cooper included Cooperside, Cooper Valley, Cooper Crest, and Cooper Mountain. I think the group would be open to one of those combinations that included Cooper.

We hope that the School Board considers the amount of thought, time, and process that went into soliciting names from the students and the community. In addition, we were careful and thorough in narrowing those names with a representation of our incoming students to the final two selections. The hope from the committee is that the Board will weigh heavily the time, effort, and work that went into this process.

Submitted by: Todd Corsetti, Planning Principal, new high school, opening Sept. 2017

History of Naming High Schools in Beaverton

Naming a high school has significant implications for the surrounding community. Here is a brief summary of how the five comprehensive high school names were selected. **Beaverton High School** was named for the city of Beaverton, and because the present high school is built on the site of the original Beaverton School. **Sunset High School**, took the name of the nearby Sunset Highway, which in turn was named for the Sunset Division of the U.S. Army. The Sunset Division played major roles in both World War I and II and drew much of its membership from the Pacific Northwest. **Aloha High School's** name has an interesting origin. Some accounts say the name was derived from the Aloha Post Office, established in 1912. Other accounts say that "Aloha" reflects a misspelling of "Aloah", a Wisconsin resort community favored by early postmaster Julius Buck. Still other sources suggest that the name is derived from the well-known Hawaiian greeting, and commemorates Hawaiian workers (known as Kanakas) who came from the islands to Oregon in the late 18th and early 19th century. **Westview High School's** name is less specific and reflects simply that the school site "looks to the west, and has a view of the Coast Range." **Southridge High School** is in an area with relatively few distinctive geographic features. As with all the other school names, there were many historical figures suggested. Because the other four high school names are associated with their geographical location within the community, the Board felt Southridge most closely fit with this trend, and it received the most nominations from students and community.

Source: Sally Bunnell, Southridge High School Naming Report, 1999

Conclusion

Over 100 names were submitted during this naming process for the new high school. As with all other previous school naming reports, there is a rich and interesting history in this area.

Some suggestions for the Board to consider, **in alphabetical order**:

Cooper Vista High School (or some form using the Cooper name)
Mountainside High School
Progress Ridge High School

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