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Naming Process for New High School

Situation

The new high school in the South Cooper Mt. area needs a name. **Board Policy FF** provides guidance about naming new schools.

Background

Board Policy FF stipulates the following:

- The School Board will select the name for the school.
- Preference will be given to names associated with the community.
- Names of historical persons, places and events may be subsequently considered.
- Names of persons who are living or have been deceased less than three years will not be considered.

The Communications & Community Involvement Department (CCI) assists the School Board in determining the process and timeline. The following are the steps involved:

- Publicize naming process and open community nominating process in concert with school planning principal
- School Planning Principal engages their community in nominating names
- Community/public process: nominations from community are accepted
- Researchers/writers and Communications & Community Involvement Dept. CCI conduct historical research of the area- early settlers, homesteaders, Native American tribes, etc.
- Compile and finalize materials and report for School Board: CCI Dept.
- Set two School Board Meetings: the School Board has two readings, the first, to receive the school naming report, and the second, to select the name
- Name is selected and publicized

Here is the timeline:

May - August, 2016: CCI Dept. gathers historical research

August - October 14, 2016: publicize naming process and timeline; community nominations sent to CCI Dept.

August - October 2016: planning principal works with their community to gather nominations

October, 2016: CCI Dept. compiles naming report including historical research, principal and community nominations

November 14, 2016: first School Board reading- Naming Report presented to the School Board

December 12, 2016: second School Board reading and selection of school name

Recommendation: It is recommended that the School Board review the naming process and the timeline for naming the new high school.

District Goal: WE empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

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