

**West End Elementary School Naming Committee Meeting**  
**William Ramsay Elementary Media Center**  
**January 10, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Committee Chair Cindy Anderson called the West End Elementary School Naming Committee Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

West End Elementary Naming Committee members who were present included: Chair Anderson, Carlos Alfaro, Janese Bechtol, Karen Dunkley, Jerry File, Jim Henson (arrived during the ranking/elimination exercise), Blanche Mays Maness, Kristen Weber, and J-Lynn Van Pelt. Committee members Keenan Cooper and Imran Gill were not present.

Attendees included Jennifer Abbruzzese, Clerk of the Board and Policy Liaison; Helen Lloyd, ACPS Director of Communications; and Bill Campbell, School Board Member.

**1. Approval of Minutes for the December 6, 2017 West End Elementary School Naming Committee Meeting**

Chair Anderson welcomed the Naming Committee to the meeting and asked them to review the minutes from the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Van Pelt moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Alfaro seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by all those present, 7-0. Mr. Henson arrived after the vote.

**2. Committee Member Research Reports**

Committee members Mr. Alfaro, Ms. Bechtol, and Mr. File presented background research on the following individuals, whose names had been recommended by members of the public:

- Mary Jackson
- Katherine Johnson
- Dorothy Vaughn
- Rocky Versace
- Booker T. Washington

**3. Naming Recommendations Received to Date**

Committee members engaged in a “dot democracy” exercise by placing circular stickers on the naming recommendations received to date that:

- They supported (allotted 10 green stickers);
- They did not support (allotted 20 red stickers); or
- They would like more research on (allotted 2 blue stickers).

The results were:

A. Melvin Miller – 5 green, 2 red  
Abigail Adams – 1 red  
Abyssinia – 4 red  
Alexander Hamilton – 2 red  
Alonzo Bumbry – 2 red  
Anne Spencer – 1 red  
Arlene Moore – no stickers  
Barack Obama-Guzman – no stickers  
Barack/Michelle Obama – 7 green, 1 red  
Barbara Rose Johns – 1 green, 1 blue  
Bill Clinton - 4 red  
Blue Diamonds Paradise – 3 red  
Booker T. Washington – 2 red  
Cardinal – 1 green, 2 red  
Catherine Winkler Herman – 1 green, 1 red  
Chief Powhatan – 3 red  
Clifford – 2 red  
Crystal River – 2 red  
Do not name after a person – no stickers (not posted for voting)  
Douglas E. Wilder – 1 green  
Dr. Seuss – 3 red  
Duke Ellington – 2 red  
Dwayne Johnson – 3 red  
Edmonson – 1 green  
Edwin B. Henderson – 1 red  
Elizabeth Guzman – 1 green, 4 blue  
Ella Fitzgerald – 1 green, 1 red  
Ellen Ochoa – 1 green, 1 red, 1 blue  
Elmer E Ellsworth – 1 red  
Ferdinand T. Day – 5 green, 1 red  
Francis – 1 red  
Freedom – 3 red  
Funn-Day (Carlton Funn & Ferdinand T. Day) - no stickers  
Future Legends of Alexandria – 3 red  
George Lewis Seaton – 1 red  
Gerry Bertier – 3 red  
Gloria E Anzaldúa – 1 red  
H.J. Wesley – 2 blue  
Harriet Ann Jacobs – 1 green  
Helen Keller – 2 red  
Hughes (or Langston Hughes) – 2 red  
Isaac Newton – 2 red

James Armistead Lafayette – 2 red  
John Porter – 2 red  
Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson STEM School or Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson Elementary – 5 green  
Katherine Johnson – 5 green, 2 red  
Keisel Elementaria – 1 red  
King Ahmadzai – 3 red  
Kris Clark – 2 red  
Leonardo Da Vinci School of STEM – 1 red  
Lewis & Clark – 3 red  
Lila Meade Valentine – 1 red  
Little Fairy – 5 red  
Lucy Addison – 1 red  
Lynwood Campbell Jr. – 2 red  
Madam C.J. Walker – 2 red  
Mahatma Gandhi – 2 red  
Margaret Brent – 1 green  
Martin Luther King, Jr. – 2 red  
Mary E. Randolph – 1 green, 1 blue  
Mary Jackson – 4 green, 1 red  
Maya Angelou – 1 red  
Mildred and Richard Loving – 3 green, 1 red  
Muhammad Ali – 2 red  
Oprah Winfrey – 1 green, 3 red  
Patsy Ticer – 1 green, 1 red  
Pocahontas – 2 red  
Pontiac West End Elementary – 3 red  
Queen Bee – 4 red  
Robert C. Scott – 2 red  
Robert W. Peebles – 3 red  
Rocky Versace or Humbert Roque Versace – 2 green  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg – 2 green, 1 red  
Sandra Day O'Connor – 2 green, 2 red  
Sara Kemp Brady – 1 green, 5 red  
Sarah A. Gray – (no stickers- clerical error, name was not submitted for voting)  
Selena Quintanilla – 1 red  
Simón Bolívar – 1 red  
Sonia Sotomayor – 4 green, 2 red  
Stewart Copeland – 1 red  
Susan B. Anthony Elementary School – 3 red  
Sylvia Mendez – 2 green, 1 red, 1 blue  
The Friendship School – 3 red  
Tito Puente – 1 red  
Van Landingham – 1 red  
Voltaire – 3 red

Winkler – 3 red

Mr. Henson arrived during the dot democracy exercise.

After discussion of the 355 submissions received by the committee, which included recommendations of 132 different names submitted by ACPS staff, students and members of the public, the committee chose to remove the following submissions from further consideration as the main name for the new school.

	Names <b>NOT</b> Selected for Further Consideration (committee meeting #4)
1	Abigail Adams
2	Abyssinia
3	Alexander Hamilton
4	Alonzo Bumbry
5	Anne Spencer
6	Barack Obama-Guzman
7	Bill Clinton
8	Blue Diamonds Paradise
9	Booker T. Washington
10	Cardinal Elementary
11	Catherine Winkler Herman
12	Chief Powhatan
13	Clifford
14	Crystal River
15	Do not name after a person
16	Dr. Seuss
17	Duke Ellington
18	Dwayne Johnson
19	Edwin B. Henderson
20	Elizabeth Guzman
21	Ella Fitzgerald
22	Elmer E Ellsworth
23	Francis Elementary
24	Freedom
25	Future Legends of Alexandria
26	George Lewis Seaton
27	Gerry Bertier
28	Gloria E Anzaldúa
29	H.J. Wesley Elementary
30	Helen Keller
31	Hughes or Langston Hughes
32	Isaac Newton

33	James Armistead Lafayette
34	John Porter
35	Keisel Elementaria
36	King Ahmadzai
37	Kris Clark
38	Langston Hughes
39	Leonardo Da Vinci School of STEM
40	Lewis & Clark
41	Lila Meade Valentine
42	Little Fairy
43	Lucy Addison
44	Lynwood Campbell
45	Madam C.J. Walker
46	Mahatma Gandhi
47	Martin Luther King Jr.
48	Maya Angelou
49	Muhammad Ali
50	Oprah Winfrey
51	Patsy Ticer
52	Pocahontas
53	Pontiac West End
54	Queen Bee
55	Robert C. Scott
56	Robert W. Peebles
57	Sandra Day O'Connor
58	Sara Kemp Brady
59	Selena Quintanilla
60	Simón Bolívar
61	Susan B. Anthony
62	The Friendship School
63	Tito Puente
64	Van Landingham
65	Voltaire

The following names were eliminated by the committee from further consideration at meetings #2 (11/29/17) and #3 (12/6/17).

Names <b>NOT</b> Selected for Further Consideration (committee meetings #2 & #3)	
1	Abraham Lincoln
2	Lincoln Elementary School
3	Alexandria Elementary

4	Beacon Elementary School
5	Beauregard Elementary School
6	Bill Euille (William D. Euille Elementary)
7	Herman Boone Elementary
8	Bynum Elementary
9	Crawley Elementary
10	Dave Grohl Elementary School <b>*COMMITTEE NOTE: FUTURE CONSIDERATION FOR MUSIC ROOM?*</b>
11	Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School
12	Fitzhugh Lee
13	Harriet Beecher Stowe
14	Harriet Jacobs
15	Jack Taylor Elementary School
16	Jefferson Davis
17	Jen Walker
18	John Alexander
19	John Tyler Elementary School
20	John Warner
21	Lady Liberty Elementary
22	Liberty Elementary School
23	Living Legends of Alexandria
24	Maggie L. Walker Elementary School
25	Malcolm X
26	The Mill School
27	Neil de Grasse Tyson
28	New Hope Elementary
29	Nikki Giovanni Elementary School
30	P.S. #1 - W. E. or Public School #1 - West End or PS-W #1
31	Rayburn Elementary School
32	Richmond elementary school
33	Sarah A. Gray Elementary
34	Snowden-Hallowell
35	Susan B. Anthony
36	Taney Elementary
37	The Hope School
38	Thomas "Petey" Jones
39	Trump (Donald J. Trump Elementary School)
40	West Alexandria Elementary
41	West End Elementary <b>*COMMITTEE NOTE: FUTURE CONSIDERATION AS POTENTIAL HYBRID NAME?*</b>
42	Yvonne B. Miller

Therefore, the following names are still under consideration by the committee.

<b>RECOMMENDED NAMES FOR NEW WEST END ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION (after committee meeting #4)</b>	
<b>Significant Contribution to Alexandria - Living</b>	
1	Arlene Moore
<b>Significant Contribution to Alexandria - Deceased</b>	
3	A. Melvin Miller
4	Edmonson
5	Ferdinand T. Day
6	Funn-Day (Carlton Funn & Ferdinand T. Day)
7	Harriet Ann Jacobs
8	Margaret Brent
9	Mary E. Randolph
10	Rocky Versace or Humbert Roque Versace
11	Sarah A. Gray
<b>Virginia Historical Figures - Living</b>	
12	Douglas E. Wilder
13	Katherine Johnson
14	Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson STEM School or the Johnson-Vaughn-Jackson Elementary School
<b>Virginia Historical Figures - Deceased</b>	
15	Barbara Rose Johns
16	Mary Jackson
17	Mildred and Richard Loving
<b>National &amp; International Historical Figures - Living</b>	
18	Barack/Michelle Obama
19	Ellen Ochoa
20	Ruth Bader Ginsburg
21	Sonia Sotomayor
22	Sylvia Mendez

**4. Next Steps and Preparation for Upcoming Committee Meeting**

The following committee members and staff volunteered to bring research on the following recommended individuals to the January 17, 2018 meeting:

- Mr. Alfaro and Ms. Van Pelt - Sylvia Mendez
- Ms. Weber and Ms. Bechtol - Barbara Rose Johns
- Ms. Dunkley – Ellen Ochoa
- Ms. Abbruzzese – Mary Randolph
- Chair Anderson – Sarah Gray

Committee members expressed their appreciation for the teachers and students who had submitted naming recommendations through classroom activities. Ms. Abbruzzese will send a letter of thanks to the classes who participated on behalf of the committee.

**5. Adjourn**

Ms. Weber moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Alfaro seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by all those present, 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the West End Elementary School Naming Committee will be held January 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the John Adams Elementary School Media Center.

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