

Fulmore Naming Committee Recommendations

Selection Process:

Fulmore students, Fulmore Student Council, CAC, naming committee, teachers and community provided input with recommended names. Information was sent to parents and community member in weekly newsletter, posted on AISD website, discussed during CAC, Student Council presented to naming committee and names were shared with students and selected by students during Advisory/SEL classes. The CAC provided input and designed the naming selection process. Over 100 names were narrowed down by community, teachers and parents. CAC and naming committee selected six names for students to review. Three names were selected and rational prepared for review.

The following names represent the top three choices selected by the naming committee, students, parents, community members, teachers, and CAC.

1st Choice	Lively Middle School
2nd Choice	Moon Tower Middle School
3rd Choice	South Congress Middle School (SOCO)

Rationale:

Sarah Beth Lively Middle School

Mrs. Lively taught at Fulmore for 25 years and after retirement volunteered at the school for many years. Ms. Lively was a dedicated and inspiring Social Studies teacher at Fulmore, who for many years sponsored and mentored the student journalists on the school paper. She continued to volunteer with those students even after her retirement. Her middle school journalists routinely won UIL competitions while competing against high school students and their papers. When Fulmore Middle School was asked to participate in the 1983 Centennial parade for the University of Texas, Sarah proudly marched in the parade. When the Castlewood Neighborhood in Southwest Austin had a Bi-Centennial parade in 1976, Sarah was there marching down the street and carrying a flag. Sarah is most known for her love and devotion to not only the school but to her students. Several former students have spoken on her behalf.

Meets the following Criteria:

- Demonstrated hope and belief in members of the community that led them to take positive steps in their lives.
- Historically impactful at the school, local, state and national level.
- Place or individual has deep roots to that school or that community.
- Their impact can be verified or documented.

- Demonstrates service to a greater cause, others.
- Served the diverse school community by putting the good of the community above their own individual interests.
- Someone who devotes their time and resources without expectations and towards a mission. A place that fosters leaders.
- Demonstrated commitment to equity and inclusion towards education.
- Have supported the formal and informal education of others- volunteer taught, donated, advocated, etc.
- Advocated and worked toward creating space where everyone could feel safe, welcome and included.
- Committed to educational opportunity and excellence.
- Stood in their purpose- acted on their purpose, and their words and actions were aligned.
- Visionary- creative- forward/future thinking imaginative, exhibits, wisdom.
- Verifiable integrity at a high level.
- Respected across multiple communities.

Moonlight Tower Middle School "Moon Tower Middle School"

The moonlight towers are the only know surviving light towers. There are only 15 left in the entire world and all of them are here in Austin, Texas. In 1976 they were included into the National Register of Historic Places. In 1995, the towers were carefully restored with original components, and then celebrated in a citywide festival. The name means stability and longevity. This name pairs well with our school colors and mascot. The moonlight towers are unique and memorable. The moonlight towers are in the school's neighborhood on Leland St., Eastside Dr., Monroe St. and S. 1st Street. The school buses pass by the moonlight towers every day. Students could have fun with in and be proud to say it's their school. The moonlight towers do not represent any bias or discrimination ([Moon Towers History](#)).

Meets the following Criteria:

- Curriculum or topic of focus for school.
- Represent a unique natural quality of school area.

South Congress Middle School (SOCO)

Our school is positioned upon the legendary South Congress. SOCO is short for South Congress. In 1910 a temporary bridge across the Colorado River was constructed to connect the area from North and South Austin. Crossing the river was easier with the construction of the bridge and in 1911 an electric trolley line over the river into to South Austin was created. South Congress is a landmark in Texas. Our school is a Law and Humanities Magnet and the iconic street South Congress leads up to the State Capitol. ([Austin History Center on South Congress](#)) South Congress is not associated with any person and this name is a fitting name for a middle school. This name would let people know that this is an iconic middle school. South Congress street represents the heart of Austin and is valued for its reputation of being inclusive and for all. The vibe on South Congress exudes the sprit of Austin and sends a message that you can be who you are and an individual.

Meets the following Criteria:

- Curriculum or topic of focus for school.
- Represent a unique natural quality of school area.
- A place that is/has reputation for being inclusive.