

Campus Advisory Council (CAC) Minutes

September 17, 2018

Date/Time: September 17, 2018 at 4:45-5:45 pm in Gold Room

Attendance, members: Clare Wolf, Maria Ortega, Rya Hopkins, Kevin Gabele, David Linscomb, Laura May, Kirsten Christopherson, Medina Willis, Kathy Rogers, Rebecca Herman, Mark Grayson, Issa Boonto-Zarifis

Citizens' Communications attendance: Rosanna Cervantes, Hector Machuca

Secretary: Rebecca Herman

Convene: 4:47 pm

Welcome and Norms: Ms. Clare Wolf (see agenda)

Citizens Communications: Ms. Ortega keeps time

- Rosanna Cervantes - supported the school name change to Diana Herrera Castaneda, with supporting reasons
- Hector Machuca - supported keeping the Lanier HS name, with supporting reasons

Finalize CAC meeting calendar for this 2018-2019 school year: Ms. Wolf

- We need at least eight committee meetings per year.
- Mr. Grayson moves that we keep 9 meetings and Mr. Linscomb seconds. That way, we have flexibility as needed. All approve.
- The next meeting will be Oct 8, 2018 at 2:30 pm.

School name change: Mr. Hopkins, principal

Committee members will write personal top three preferences for school name change. Ms. Wolf distributed index cards to write top 3, and CAC co-chairs will tally.

Ms. Willis asked about questions regarding citizens communications. Mr. Grayson replied that district policy allows for only CAC members discuss, not interacting with citizens' communications, except for asking for clarification from citizen communication; two minutes allowed for clarification.

- Ms. Willis asked Rosanna Cervantes for more details about the proposed name change.

Mr. Hopkins distributed policy about the outcome format that we need to submit to the school board by the end of this week regarding the school name change.

He also has sent a Google Docs with today's data collection on this topic.

Ms. Christopherson summarized the Google Docs statistics. The reasons for each submission are linked.

Mr. Grayson send the survey to the NACA (North Austin Civic Association) community neighborhood. The survey was also send on NextDoor website. Both were sent out last week.

Ms. Wolf: The CAC top three choices today.

First Place number of Votes:

5 = Lanier

2 North Central HS

1 Carlotta Walls Lanier

1 Delores Huerta

1 Esperanze

Second Choice ranking:

2 = Diana Castaneda

2 = Northside ECHS

1 = Juan Navarro

1 = Vicki McCall

1 = Carlotta Lanier

Third Choice ranking:

2 = Esperanza

2 = Juan Navarro

1 = Carlotta Lanier

1 = Diana Castaneda

1 = North Central ECHS

1 = Vicki McCall

Discussion:

Ms. Christopherson: How will we communicate with the community about the choices?

Mr. Gabele: Staff and students gave 8 votes for Lanier name.

Ms. Wolf: How do we communicate to students our choice?

Mr. Grayson: The CAC should send the top name with an explanation (“Lanier” as top choice).

Mr. Hopkins said that we have a dual duty to represent the survey data and also consider the member volunteers’ recommendations, along with the community voices.

Ms. May: We were given a chart of criteria to meet. The students took a survey today, but it is unclear how carefully students followed the criteria chart issued by the district.

Ms. Willis: The name “Lanier” fits the criteria.

Ms. May noted that the website had a website list of criteria, and the students were given a different criteria before today’s online survey vote.

Ms. Wolf invited CAC members to discuss their current top choices at today’s meeting.

Mr. Hopkins read policy aloud to members; qualities for the re-naming of our school.

Top name choices from CAC today: Lanier, North Central HS, Juan Navarro, Esperanza, Castaneda, McCall, Carlotta Lanier, Dolores Huerta.

Ms. Willis motions that we reduce choices to these eight choices; Mr. Linscomb second; all voting members agree to keep the choices down to these eight names.

Mr. Hopkins asked us to look for commonality among these names.

Ms. May objects to the name Carlotta LaNier, with supporting reasons. She motions to strike the name; Ms. Ortega seconds; discussion - the student council had supported that name, but the CAC doesn't have the Student Council notes on why they proposed that name initially; Ms. Tabasco is the moderator for the Student Council. There could be a confusion between the names LaNier and Lanier. Ms. Wolf received a comment card, submitted by the student Hector Machuca, representing the Student Council, that the name (Carlotta) LaNier was pronounced the same way as Lanier.

Vote: Strike the name Carlotta Walls LaNier = 4 CAC votes

Support keeping the name Carlotta Walls LaNier = 6 CAC votes

Mr. Grayson moves to make a second vote by CAC members; Mr. Gabele seconds; all approve.

Mr. Linscomb helped Ms. Wolf to tally this second vote, since co-chair Ms. Ortega had to leave the meeting. We have ten members voting this time.

Top choices for first place vote:

North Central = 4

Lanier = 3

Esperanza

Diana Castaneda

Juan Navarro

Abstain

Second choice:

Diana Castanda = 2

North Central = 2

McCall

Dolores Huerta

Esperanza

Juan Navarro

Carlotta LaNier

Third Place

Abstain = 2

North Central = 2

Esperanza = 2

Carlotta LaNier

Navarro

Diana Castaneda

Ms. Willis proposes to postpone further discussion; Mr. Linscomb seconds; discussion - for next follow-up meeting; Ms. Christopherson weighted the votes to help us narrow the choices.

Ms. Willis moved to remove the three lowest votes; Ms. Christopherson seconds; all approve.

Mr. Grayson moves for a third vote; Ms. May seconded; all approve (use pink cards).

Top name choices on 3rd vote:

Tied: Lanier and North Central (3 each)

Abstain

Navarro

Castaneda

Esperanze

Second place name choices on 3rd vote:

North Central = 3

Abstain = 2

Navarro = 2

Castaneda = 2

Esperanza

Third place name choices on 3rd vote:

Abstain = 4

North Central = 3

Lanier

Castaneda

Esperanza

Ms. Christopherson explained the weighting for each vote, and Mr. Hopkins noted the tally on the whiteboard.

Mr. Grayson moves to use the school name “North Central” that we will definitely submit to the school board (by the end of this week), and have a fourth ballot with only two names. Ms. Wolf seconded; discussion. We will table this motion while Ms. Willis reads and summarizes documented support for the names Esperanza, Juan Navarro, Lanier, North Central, Diana Castaneda.

In favor of North Central ECHS as one of the top three names to submit = 8

One opposed; one abstain.

Fourth vote on two more names to submit to the school board for our school name change:

First place choice on 4th vote (green card):

Esperanza = 3

Lanier = 2

Castaneda = 2

Juan Navarro
Abstain = 2

Second place choice on 4th vote:

Esperanza = 4

Abstain = 3

Navarro = 2

Castaneda

Ms. Willis (moved) is concerned that we should have more discussion of the name options and compare with the written criteria. Ms. Rogers agreed (seconded); the motion is to discuss the names further.

Vote: In favor of more discussion; yes = 7; abstain = 2 (Ms. Christopherson had to leave the meeting, so nine members are present).

Mr. Hopkins listed the criteria on the whiteboard and encouraged us to refer to the criteria. Mr. Grayson said that our “North Central” choice did not match the written criteria. Ms. Wolf and Mr. Hopkins would like a middle path to balance. Most people have studied the criteria before voting, according to Ms. Wolf, and we have made informed votes.

Mr. Grayson moves to adjourn for now and continue the discussion this week on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018 at 4:45 pm; Mr. Linscomb seconds; vote =

7 = yes

2 = abstain

Adjourn at 7:00 pm.