

Allan Renaming Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Location

Alternative Learning Center @ Allan Campus Cafeteria 4900 Gonzales St Austin, TX 78702

Allan Committee Member Attendees:

Bonnie Hauser, Gavino Fernandez, Guadalupe Rosa, Maricela Benitez, Martha Gonzalez, Max Elliott, Meghan Buchanan, Paul Mannie, Raul Rosa, Sierra Randall, Tracilynn Wright, Vincent Tovar.

T.A. Vazquez and Laura DeGrush also in attendance for support and facilitation.

Notes

5:37pm: Meeting starts- welcoming and introductions

Gavino Fernandez gave a welcome and brief description of purpose. The agenda was read. Gavino read the directions to initiate public comment.

5:40pm Public Comment

Ms. Zamarripa spoke on John Treviño Jr. as a name she nominated for Fulmore and to consider it for Allan.

Mr. Roeckle spoke on John Treviño Jr. as a name he nominated for Fulmore and to consider it for Allan.

The committee asked in clarification if Ms. Zamarripa and Mr. Roeckle would prefer having the name Treviño for Fulmore over considering it at Allan, the answer being, the name was preferred for Fulmore.

Having no other public comment speakers, the meeting proceeded forward.

6:00pm: Begin going through names

Members noted disappointment on the fact that there was not more public turnout. Questions on if the flyer was circulated resulted in clarification that the flyer was circulated at Ortega, Govalle and community centers around the Eastside. It was noted that it is hard to get turnout, especially when past alumni and parents are now spread out through different areas of town and schools.

After reviewing the template of all names nominated weighed against Task Force Criteria, the committee assessed which names from the last meeting could move forward.

A motion and discussion pursued of nominating Anita Coy as the first name proposed for Allan.



Laura DeGrush asked if all and other names should be looked at to assess order before consenting to have Anita Coy as the first name on the list, or if the committee was ready for a vote on top names, and what those top names should be.

The committee did not feel comfortable voting on three names and wanted a process of transparently consenting as a group out loud for nominations to be processed.

A brief list of potential names included W.R. Goodson, Darlene Westbrook, Marcia Hearon Lind, Paula Crider and Sandra Kay Hall.

"La Allan" was brought up as an option and discussion pursued on if it met the Task Force Criteria and if it made sense to have grammatically or inclusively as a school name. Questions such as what would non-Spanish speakers call the school- Lallan? Is "La" part of the new name or an article of speech, would it be "La" if it is not a school- if it is a center? Does it fit the intent of the renaming process? The members voted that it did not qualify or meet the criteria and that it would not be a significant enough change. La Allan was dropped as an option. Discussion ensued on if there was enough time, research or community engagement to assess other names.

A motion was made Gavino Fernandez and seconded by Maricela Benitez and then voted in favor by a unanimous 9 votes, of members still in attendance, to put forward Anita Coy as the only name the committee felt comfortable in supporting due to the constraints of time, community input and research available.

The committee also agreed that if more names must be nominated, that the Board of Trustees permit the group to reconvene and get more research and public input.

7:35 Meeting adjourns