



School Renaming Task Force

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, 5:30 – 8:00 pm

Location

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

School Renaming Task Force Member Attendees:

Raul Alvarez, Vanessa S. Dainton, Gabriel Estrada, Roxanne Evans, John Hewlett, Nancy Mims, Kazique Prince, Erica Saenz, Barbara Spears-Corbett, Jason Summerville, Emilio Zamora.

Notes:

5:40pm Meeting Called to Order, Welcome & Introductions

5:46pm Review of Agenda

5:51pm Public Comment

- Ms. Zamarripa- Reservations about the naming process, John Trevino, Jr. name was submitted but not considered once the process started over again after the summer.
- Mr. Roeckle- Would've liked to have seen John Trevino, Jr. on nomination list for Fulmore.
- Ms. Cervantes- Consider Diana Castañeda for Lanier.
- Ms. Bentley- Keep Reagan, just as Reagan, take the persona and first name initials out.
- Mr. Fernandez- Co-Chair of Allan Renaming Committee, not sufficient time or enough input. This is why he abstained.
- Mr. Ray- Keep Reagan as just Reagan, as it is part of our history as a school.
- Mr. Rosa- Recommended Anita Coy for the name of Allan. No other names were submitted from the Allan Renaming Committee because there was not enough time.

6:08 End of Public Comment

6:10pm Archival of Artifacts Meeting on October 3rd, Tri-Chair, Barbara Spears-Corbett asked members to join in on the committee.

6:11pm



- Review of All Task Force Criteria
- Discussion of who and how many Task Force members were present. Since quorum was not reached and quorum was never required, task force members decided to vote as a way to communicate the will of the group on each of the nominations.
- Discussion of agreement on the structure of assessment of Task Force Criteria
 - Discussion on how a particular nomination met or did not meet the criteria.
 - Concerns about the process and how the criteria were shared with community groups.
 - Discussion on how much of the criteria needed to be used in evaluating nominations.
 - Concerns expressed on the role of the criteria in the process.

6:45pm

- Read through each Renaming Committee document of nomination rationale
- Friday, October 5, is the deadline for submitting recommendations to the board for the October 8 board work session.

7:00pm

Task Force Recommendations to the board

Names that are carried forward should be verified or vetted to ensure they are TRULY accurate (versus subjective) prior to being voted upon.

- Historical/background information on the nominations shows that they were not sufficiently vetted.
- Members expressed concern that the vetting process at the local level was not consistent in the application of criteria for renaming the schools.
- Reason by which the school names are being changed needs to be more explained and understood in the local process and therefore the names should reflect this.
- Regarding the renaming a school and taking out the first name and initial does not constitute a substantive change.
- Place name nominations did not meet enough of the place criteria.

Recommendation for John T. Allan: **Anita Ferrales Coy**

1. **Anita Ferrales Coy:** Criteria met based on information provided: Historically Connected, Servant Leader, Committed to Education, Respected for strong principles,



Committed to Education, Inspirational & Visionary. The Allan Renaming committee however, only submitted one name after they were instructed to submit three.

2. **Abstain:** No name submitted due to short amount of time provided.
3. **Abstain:** No name submitted due to short amount of time provided.

Recommendation for Zachary Taylor Fulmore: ***consensus not reached.***

1. **Sarah Beth Lively:** Some criteria met based on information provided: Historically Connected, Servant Leader, Committed to Education, Respected for strong principles, Committed to Education, Inspirational & Visionary.

The Task Force could not meet a consensus because the Lively nomination did not make a compelling argument based on other criteria.

2. **Moon Tower:** Did not meet enough of the place criteria.
3. **South Congress (SoCo):** Did not meet enough of the place criteria.

Overall, we understood that schools and sites overwhelmingly *did not* want to name the school after a person, to avoid having to go through the process again. At any rate, the two place names did not meet enough of the '*place criteria*'. Task Force members were also concerned that the process could be flawed because people who *did* meet the criteria in a more significant way were excluded from the list. Such names included John N. Johnson, Abel & Gloria Ruiz or John Trevino, Jr. as examples.

Recommendation for Sidney Lanier: ***Diana H. Castañeda***

1. **North Central:** Did not meet enough of the place criteria.
2. **Diana H. Castañeda:** she clearly met criteria based on information provided: Historically Connected, Servant Leader, Committed to Education, Respected for strong principles, Committed to Education, Inspirational & Visionary.
3. **Lanier:** Task members decided that the place name does meet the historical connection criteria, however, it does not meet the rest of the criteria.

Recommendation for John H. Reagan: ***Barack H. Obama***



1. **Reagan:** Task members recognize that the name Reagan is popular in the community and that it meets the historical connection criteria, however, it does not meet the rest of the criteria.
2. **Barack H. Obama:** He meets the criteria: Historically Connected, Servant Leader, Committed to Education, Respected for strong principles, Committed to Education, Inspirational & Visionary, Embodies Equity & Social Justice.
3. **Northeast:** Did not meet enough of the place criteria.

8:05pm Meeting was adjourned