

# 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

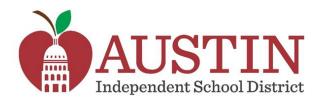
5:51pm Public Comment

- 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
- 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

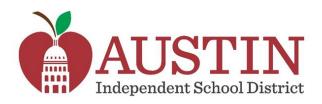
#### Task Force Recommendations to the board

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

 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.

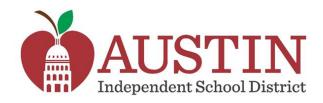
- 2. **Moon Tower:** Did not meet enough of the place criteria.
- 3. **South Congress (SoCo)**: Did not meet enough of the place criteria.

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