

3rd Drew Naming Committee Meeting
March 12, 2019 Notes
Drew Model School Library

Committee members in attendance:

Drew School Principal Kimberley Graves
Drew Elementary PTA Aquila Stewart
Drew Model School Megan Sorrell
Hoffman-Boston School Deitra Brady
Hoffman-Boston School Melissa Hinkson
Abingdon PTA Margot Hodges
Patrick Henry PTA Kinsey Fabrizio

Patrick Henry School Lina Ewell
Patrick Henry School Sarah Switaj
Columbia Heights Civic Assoc. Erin Wasiak
Douglas Park Civic Association Jen Dean
Nauck Civic Assoc. Frederick Craddock
Community At-Large Member Mary Glass
School & Community Rels. Dulce Carrillo

Committee members absent:

Drew Model School, Jamie Guidry

Hoffman-Boston PTA, Marlo Wade

Principal Kimberley Graves welcomed everyone and thanked them for their commitment to the Committee.

Dulce Carrillo briefly reviewed Committee's accomplishments thus far. She also shared the goals for this third and last meeting.

Prior accomplishments:

- ✓ Collected wide list of potential school names proposed by constituent groups
- ✓ Narrowed list of names down to three
- ✓ Designed & distributed Drew Naming survey to respective constituent groups, including current and incoming Drew families and staff, PTAs and designated civic associations

Today's Goals:

- ✓ Review survey data - Committee member Erin Wasiak
- ✓ Select name and alternate to submit to School Board
- ✓ Agree on presenter & co-presenter at School Board meeting

Survey summary

Columbia Heights Civic Association representative, Erin Wasiak, provided a summary of the survey results.

- 80% of surveyed selected "Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School" as their first choice
- Vote was evenly split between "Dr. Charles R. Drew Heritage Elementary" and Dr. Charles Drew School for Scholars"
- Of 312 online survey responses, 110 included comments
- Strong feelings expressed in comments portion of the survey

- 30 positive comments in support of the Drew name
- Seven negative comments, including questioning the point of the process and/or disappointment at inability to rename the school
- Most people agreed with honoring Dr. Drew
- The Nauck Civic Association submitted a letter with an additional 17 votes for “Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School”, a unanimous selection from the March 4 meeting.

Comments expressed by committee members:

- At least one person felt the Committee did not have much of a choice
- While it was not a contentious discussion, some felt “hobbled” from the onset when told to keep Dr. Drew’s name

Two names moved forward by Committee:

- First choice: Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School
- Alternate: Charles Drew Elementary School

Presenters selected:

- Kimberley Graves, Principal of Drew Model Elementary School
- Jen Dean, Douglas Park Civic Association representative
 - Alternate: Erin Wasiak, Columbia Heights Civic Assoc. rep

Next steps:

- Draft power point for March 28 School Board Information Item (Dulce/Kim)
- Draft letter to School Board (Kim/Dulce)
- Submit above by March 20, one week prior to School Board Meeting

Upcoming School Board Meetings (save-the-dates):

Info Item: Thu. March 28, 2019 (Public Hearing on Superintendent’s Budget)

Action: Thu. April 11, 2019 (School Board votes on proposed SB Budget)

All Committee members are invited to be present at the above. A time estimate as to when the item will come up will be available a few days in advance of the meetings.

This was the last meeting of the Drew Naming Committee, as its work is complete.

Thank you.

Kim & Dulce