



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 10.1

Meeting Date: August 3, 2017

Subject: Renaming of Kit Carson Middle School

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: August 17, 2017)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Deputy Superintendent

Recommendation: To change the name of Kit Carson Middle School to Kit Carson International Academy.

Background/Rationale: A Design Team of parents, staff, students and community members met throughout the year in 2011-12 and recommended to the Board of Education a change of program and grade span for Kit Carson Middle School. The recommendation to apply for International Baccalaureate Candidacy was approved by the Board in June of 2012. The school moved forward with Candidate Phase for IB in the fall of 2013, expanding by one grade level of students each year. Kit Carson was authorized by the IB International Committee to be Middle Years Programme World School in the Spring of 2016, and was authorized for IB Diploma Programme in the Spring of 2017. This fall the school will open as a fully authorized IB World School, serving 7th through 12th grade students.

Given that Kit Carson could no longer operate under its middle school status, a Renaming Committee was established during the 2016-17 school year to explore options for naming the school. Community members, parents of current and future students and staff served on the committee gathering input through social media, a website survey and community meetings. The recommendation of the committee is to rename the school, Kit Carson International Academy, to reflect its IB status.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Mary Hardin Young, Area Assistant Superintendent

Santiago Chapa, Principal Kit Carson Middle School

Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

A Design Team of parents, staff, students and community members met throughout the 2011-12 school year, to study options of educational programs for Kit Carson, a middle school consistently under-enrolled and with low achievement scores. After much reflection on data, studying of optional programs and designs and visits to sites, the recommendation to apply for International Baccalaureate Candidacy was approved by the Board of Education in June of 2012. The school moved forward with the Candidate Phase for IB in the fall of 2013, expanding by one grade level of students each year. Kit Carson was authorized by the IB International Committee to be a Middle Years Programme World School in 2016, and an IB Diploma Programme in 2017. This fall the school will open as a fully authorized IB World, now serving 7th through 12th grade students.

II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

Given that Kit Carson could no longer operate under its middle school status and serve 7th through 12th grade students, a Renaming Committee was established during the 2016-17 school year to explore options for naming the school. Community members, parents of current and future students, and staff served on the committee to gather input from the community and make a recommendation to the Board of Education. The effort was announced in a press release in the Sacramento Bee, and input was gathered via student-led class discussions, a linked google form for parents/community, community meetings and assorted social media. The recommendation of the committee is to rename the school, Kit Carson International Academy.

III. BUDGET

The budget will be determined by the number of items that will need to be updated, including signage (external and internal), recruitment tools, banners, etc.

IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND MEASURES and

V. MAJOR INITIATIVES

Kit Carson is located in East Sacramento, but serves students/families in East Sacramento and north Oak Park. Our goal is to continue to provide an excellent educational opportunity for the growing number of students at the school through the International Baccalaureate Programmes, and to have the name of the school reflect the pride of the school's past as well as the new program it offers.

VI. RESULTS

Bring the recommended name to the Board of Education on August 17, 2017 for a vote.

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VII. LESSONS LEARNED / NEXT STEPS

Next Steps:

- Answer any questions that Board Members may have about the Renaming Committee or the process utilized in gathering input
- Return on August 17, 2017 for a Board vote

After the vote:

- Notify California Department of Education of the name and grade level change
- Update all district and site communication with the new name, and communicate the change throughout the district
- Update all signage, the website, letterhead, recruitment materials, etc.