



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.2

Meeting Date: October 15, 2020

Subject: Community Advisory Committee for the Renaming of Kit Carson International Academy, Sutter Middle School, and Peter Burnett Elementary School

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

Division: Facilities Support Services

Recommendation: To approve the formation of a Community Advisory Committee for the renaming of Sutter Middle School, Kit Carson International Academy, and Peter Burnett Elementary Schools. In addition, to receive names of individuals appointed to this ad hoc advisory committee by each Board Member including the Student Board Member, who shall have 3 appointments. The advisory committee shall include no more than 27 members. In addition to the Board member appointments, the remaining members of the advisory committee will consist of the following:

- Community members/parents appointed by the Superintendent (3)
- Community members/parents/staff appointed by site Principals at Sutter Middle, Kit Carson, and Peter Burnett (3)
- Community members appointed by the Director of Youth Development (3)
- Principals from each of the above mentioned sites (3)
- District Staff appointed by the Superintendent (5- Communications/Facilities/Instructional Assistant Superintendent)

Staff will also provide the Board with additional information and details of the proposed process for creating a Community Advisory Committee to rename three school sites (additional school names may be explored at a later date). Staff will also review best practices related to Board Policy on this matter.

Background/Rationale: Sacramento City Unified School District strives to create a warm and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and community members. The renaming of school sites is part of the District's work in dismantling racism from within our system. School names, structures and symbols that upholds a legacy of racism, oppression, and exclusion shall not be tolerated. The names of our schools are a powerful symbol of our community values.

Financial Considerations: An allowance of \$100,000 to \$150,000 per site for, including, but not limited to, marquees, signage, removal of murals, refinishing of gym floors, and other. Each site is unique with its needs based on size, programs offered, and age of the facility.

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates, Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students, Family and Community Empowerment, Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes Submitted by: Rose F. Ramos, Chief Business Officer Nathaniel Browning, Interim Director of Facilities Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>

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I. OVERVIEW / HISTORY

Sacramento City Unified School District strives to create a warm and welcoming environment for all students, staff, and community members. The renaming of school sites is part of the District's work in dismantling racism from within our system. School names, structures and symbols that upholds a legacy of racism, oppression, and exclusion shall not be tolerated. The names of our schools are a powerful symbol of our community values.

The District currently has various school sites that contain the names of individuals that perpetuated or condoned racism, oppression, and exclusion.

On September 3, 2020, the Board of Education heard a staff presentation and plan to focus on three site names at this time in order to manage the committee process in a thoughtful manner. These three sites were identified because they were deemed to be the most egregious site names. The three sites of focus include:

- Kit Carson International Academy
- Sutter Middle School
- Peter Burnett Elementary

II. DRIVING GOVERNANCE

Pursuant to Board Policy 7310: Naming of Facility:

The Governing Board shall name schools or individual buildings in recognition of:

- 1. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community*
- 2. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of state, national or worldwide significance*
- 3. The geographic area in which the school or building is located*

The Board encourages community participation in the process of selecting names. A Citizen Advisory Committee shall be appointed to review name suggestions and submit recommendations for the Board's consideration.

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The renaming of existing schools or major facilities shall occur only under extraordinary circumstances and after thorough study.

Memorials

Upon request, the Board shall consider naming buildings, parts of buildings or athletic fields in honor of the contributions of students, staff members and community members who have been deceased for at least one year.

Staff will provide a sample of Best Practices as they pertain to Board Policy in this area.

III. BUDGET

An allowance of \$100,000 to \$150,000 per site for, including, but not limited to, marquees, signage, removal of murals, refinishing of gym floors, and other. Each site is unique with its needs based on size, programs offered, and age of the facility.

IV. GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND MEASURES

The renaming of school sites is part of the District's work in dismantling racism from within our system. School names, structures and symbols that upholds a legacy of racism, oppression, and exclusion shall not be tolerated. The names of our schools are a powerful symbol of our community values.

Individual Board Member appointments to the Community Advisory Committee will be shared by each Member during this Board presentation. Staff will also share the names of appointments selected by the Superintendent and staff.

V. MAJOR INITIATIVES

This process is in alignment with the District's LCAP Goals.

- College, Career and Life Ready Graduates
- Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students
- Family and Community Empowerment
- Operational Excellence

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In addition, the effort to rename school sites is in alignment with authentic student, parent, and community engagement.

VI. RESULTS

NA

VII. NEXT STEPS

1. The Board approves the creation of an ad hoc Community Advisory Committee to rename the above school, and for each Board Member to nominate one member to the Committee.
2. Develop a community announcement that the District will review the possible name changes to the above-mentioned sites.
3. Post a community-wide survey to gather potential new names for those three sites.
1. Hold a series of meetings with the Community Advisory Committee to develop recommendations for each site that will be brought forward for Board action during a February 2021 meeting.