

Renaming Committee Meeting – Thursday, August 8, 2024 – District Office Board Room

In Attendance:

Dr. Jeffrey King (vice chair)

Ms. Evelyn Foxx

Pastor Ron Rawls

Ms. Kim Hampton

Ms. Alford

Ms. Cathy Norman

Dr. Jon Rehm

Mr. Ed Jennings (chair, arrived late)

- The meeting convened at 6:12
- Vice-chair Dr. King chaired the meeting, in Mr. Jennings' absence
- Dr. King and Ms. Dell confirmed quorum
- Dr. King – recommended agenda items and asked for other recommendations
 - 2. Determine voting method
 - 1. Mrs. Alford -Additional names for list
 - 3. Dr. Rehm - Criteria for narrowing the list
 - 4. Method for narrowing list

Voted on agenda – Pastor Rawls moved to approve agenda

Approved the minutes from the July 18, 2024 meeting

- Item 1 – Recommendation of additional names
 - Ms. Fox said that if there were additional names – they were supposed to send a bio about the person. There were no additional names submitted
- Item 2 – Determine voting method
 - Dr. King mentioned two voting methods, as examples: rank-choice and simple popular.
 - Pastor Rawls moved that a popular be used with an in-person voting quorum.
 - Dr. Rehm offered a friendly amendment to use a popular vote to narrow it down and then use rank choice after the list is narrowed.
 - Dr. Rehm explained rank choice voting
 - Ms. Alford asked how the vote will be taken.
 - Dr. Rehm shared how he could create a Google form to rank order.
 - Dr. Rehm made a motion that ranked choice (Google form) be used for narrowing method and in-person ranked choice for final vote
 - Amended the motion to have the narrowing method be (Pastor Rawls seconded) ranked choice of based on 5 votes to create a list of 10 candidates. Motion carries.
- Item 3 – Criteria for narrowing list – Dr. King asked for criteria to limit consideration in an open group discussion:
 - Dr. King offered the established criteria that if the committee recommends naming in honor of a person, that the person must be deceased.
 - Mr. Jennings asked if criteria were used in past naming activities.
 - Dr. King shared that the Parker renaming committee limited that recommendation to persons or non-persons with a connection to Alachua County.

- Dr Rehm suggested that the recommendation should not be for a person who has another school named after them, to avoid duplicate building names within the public school system
- Mr. Jennings said he didn't want it to limit if there was a room or part of a building
- Dr. Rehm clarified by stating it was about a whole building
- Dr. Rehm said he was okay with limiting it to other school board buildings like school or centers (Shell, Fearnside, Sivia)
- Pastor Rawls has concerns about limiting
- Pastor Rawls said that we can personally make an argument for or against names being recommended and we should not make additional policies that are not already in the School Board policy
- Mr. Jennings likes to give committee latitude and keeping the existing policy and other could make their point for/against at the time of the final vote.
- The discussion concluded with no motion to add additional limiting criteria, with the implied outcome being that only the formal Board policy will strictly govern limitations, and that this committee will deliberate on an individual person or non-person recommendation, relative to yet to be considered or identified, specific naming conflicts or other limitations that may exist relative to that individual recommendation.
- Item 4 – Method for narrow list (joined with voting)
 - Mr. Jennings explained the list must be on the record.
 - Motion – Pastor Rawls: Next meeting will have a discussion of all the names Share 5 names and have dialogue and then from that meeting share document 5 recorded and then October meeting have the top 10 names to further discuss.

No one opposed

All voted yes

Next meeting – Thursday, September 12, 2024 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, to be held physically at the Alachua County District -