



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 11.1

Meeting Date: September 3, 2020

Subject: Proposed School Site Renaming Process for Sutter Middle,
Kit Carson International Academy, and Peter Burnett Elementary

- 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 provide the Board with preliminary information and a process for creating a Community Advisory Committee to rename three school sites (additional school names may be explored at a later date).

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

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes
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Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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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.

The District recommends that staff focus on three site names at this time in order to manage the committee process in a thoughtful manner, as outlined by Board Policy 7310: *Naming of Facilities*. Staff believe it is critical to address the names of the most egregious sites first in order to bring community recommendation to the Board within a timely manner. Parsing out the task also allows for a higher quality engagement process.

Staff recommend focusing on these sites during our initial effort:

- 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.

Renaming

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

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III. BUDGET

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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.

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

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

VI. RESULTS

Bring community recommendations for the renaming of these three sites to the Board of Education in February 2021.

VII. NEXT STEPS

1. Assemble recommendations for a Community Advisory Committee to include the following (no more than 27 participants):
 - District Staff (5-Communications/Facilities/Instructional Assistant Superintendent)
 - Principals (3)
 - Students (3)
 - Community members/parents/staff appointed by the site Principals (3)
 - Community members/parents appointed by the Board (7)
 - Community members/parents appointed by the Superintendent (3)
 - Youth Development selections (3)

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2. Bring a resolution to the Board during the October 8, 2020 meeting calling for the creation of the Community Advisory Committee to Rename Kit Carson, Sutter, and Peter Burnett schools.
 - Receive appointments from each Board Member and the Superintendent to fill their selections on the Committee.
3. Develop a community announcement that the District will review the possible name changes to the above-mentioned sites.
4. Post a community-wide survey to gather potential new names for those three sites.
5. 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.