

Cross Keys High School
Mascot Committee Mtg #3 - Community Input

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

6pm

Attendance

W. McGinniss, A. Gevertz, T. Weaver, F. Rowe, B. Cunningham, C. Castano, J. Duncan, K. Gökçe, K. Wells

Agenda and Minutes (Meeting started at 6:10pm, Ended 7:40pm)

1. Welcome (W. McGinniss, Chair)
2. Approval of the minutes. W. McGinniss moved to approve. K. Wells seconded. Approved 7-0
3. Review of community and committee input on mascot naming options
 1. Review short list of 13 and the need to narrow down to a top three.
 2. W. McGinniss raised a concern about having multiple serpent mascot options "splitting" the vote for those that may want a snake mascot. Same concern was raised about "Thunderbird" given that Phoenix is likely a shortlist finalist. C. Castano supported Phoenix. J. Duncan expressed support for Rattlers due to the history and experience of Lynwood integrators. K. Wells expressed questions about "Unicorns." K. Gökçe offered to withdraw "Coosa." A. Gevertz asked about the plural form of, "Phoenix."
4. W. McGinniss proposed a series of eliminations that all passed unanimously. A motion to include Rattlers also passed unanimously. Same for Phoenix.
 1. Discussion about the remaining three: Chameleons, Lobos, or Leopards. W. McGinniss/K. Gökçe both mentioned the alliterative value of Chameleons. Subsequently, the committee voted to put forth these final three: 1. Rattlers, 2. Phoenix, 3. Chameleons
5. W. McGinniss discussed next steps
 1. Community Ballot
 2. Community defined as the current Cross Keys cluster along with the three munis. Online survey will be distributed by DCSD surveying tool that includes about sixteen languages. Paper will be English/Spanish. Plan is for two weeks open ballot.
 3. Ballot results are not binding but W. McGinniss strongly encourages the committee to reflect the results which hopefully will be clear.
 4. W. McGinniss recommended that we allow a place for an expression of support to keep the Indians. Her suggestion is that the survey/ballot include a first question which says, "Should it change?"
 5. The ballot must go out within ten days of this meeting?
 6. Committee discussed how DCSD's process will protect against duplicate votes.

7. Committee discussed in detail how the ballot will be constructed and distributed.
 1. what is your relationship to the school
 2. should the mascot change
 3. If yes, what is your preferred choice?
6. W. McGinniss moved, K. Gökçe seconded a motion to adopt the described approach to the ballot. Approved unanimously
7. W. McGinniss described a target to open the ballot next week for two weeks (14 days, including weekends).
8. B. Cunningham shared that end of course testing will be going on and suggested we leave it open a little longer than 14 days.
9. Adjourned at 7:40pm