

New Sequoyah Middle & High School Naming Committee Minutes

Date: March 24, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m. (began at 5:32)

Minutes taken by Mr. Sedrick Anthony

- I. Purpose of the committee-from Mr. Andrew Ziffer, District I Board Member
 - A. Naming of the “New Middle School at Sequoyah” which also includes the colors and mascots
 - B. Naming of the “New High School at Sequoyah” which also includes the colors and mascots
- II. Introductions from all committee members and their connection to this project
- III. Discussion of the DCSD District’s Policy of naming a new building
 - A. 4 meetings over a three/four-month period
 - B. Requirement of 11-15 committee members
 - C. Tentative Dates planned for the next meetings
 1. April 28th –Community Input Meeting-Hybrid Meeting (Sequoyah Middle School for the committee and virtual through the district’s communication platform –Zoom).
 2. May 13th –@ Sequoyah Middle School –5:30 p.m.
 3. June 10th -@ Sequoyah Middle School – 5:30 p.m. -Recommendation will be made at this meeting for board approval at the at the July meeting
- IV. Distribution of the survey and suggestions for next steps
 - A. Discussion of the survey format was brought to the table for review and early results were shared: (Northwoods Middle & High) & (Sequoyah Middle & High) B. Discussion of the survey being translated was also discussed and suggestions were offered in regard to a sample video to help stakeholders complete the survey correctly- Sequoyah Middle Student –Jostin Perez. Dr. Glanton will facilitate this process.
 - C. Suggestions for the survey included adding the local colors, mascots, and names of each feeder school, middle, school within the district and near the site

V. Next steps and conclusion

- A. Revisiting the dates and structures for the next meetings
- B. Distribution of the surveys within the next two weeks
- C. Video by Jostin Perez and connections with the communications department about conducting the video.
- D. Conclusion by Mr. Ziffer and invitation to attend the Town Hall Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in Sequoyah's Cafeteria

Members present:

1. Mr. Andrew Ziffer – Board Member & Chair
2. Ms. Whitney McGinnis -Board Member
3. Dr. Thomas Glanton -Area Superintendent for High Schools
4. Ms. Jacqueline Taylor – Area Superintendent for Middle Schools
5. Mr. Sedrick Anthony – Sequoyah Middle School Principal
6. Mr. Chris Henshaw- Doraville City Council Member
7. Mr. Jostin Perez – Sequoyah Middle School-Student
8. Ms. Beth Rhodes – Oakcliff Elementary School-Parent
9. Ms. Blanca Ramirez-Doraville United Elementary School -Parent
10. Ms. Patsy Rhodes- Cary Reynolds-Elementary School -Parent
11. Ms. Sandra Hernandez-Woodward Elementary School-Parent
12. Ms. Jennifer Baez-Woodward Elementary School-Parent
13. Ms. Mara Delgado-John Lewis Elementary School-Parent