

Captain Cook Elementary PAC

School Renaming Information Session Agenda

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023

Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Location: In Library & on Zoom

In Attendance: In Person: Lawrence Kong, Adam Dennis, Katherine Choy **On Zoom:** Cadie Myers, Michelle Nagai, Mona, Jocelyn Dennis, Katie Lake, Esther Leung, Christina, Gloria, Ruthlaine

1. Welcome (1 min) (*Lawrence*)
2. Announcements (2 min) (Lawrence)
 - Joanne Carruthers' Retirement
 - Fundraisers: Purdy's Chocolate, Plant Sale, Spring Book Fair
3. Purpose Statement and Outline of School Renaming Process (Lawrence)
 - The purpose of renaming the school is to ensure the name reflects the inclusive and welcoming learning environment that present and future students of the school deserve. The name of the school should reflect the values of the community it serves, and a name that has been offensively interpreted by some as honouring an individual who is associated with oppressive or harmful actions and beliefs, requires review. School renaming will be a review process that seeks to ensure that the name of the school reflects the school's values of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, and that all students are valued and respected. This decision is not about virtue signaling, but rather is part of the larger process of a school community that is committed to bettering itself in the support of the well-being and success of all its students, especially the most vulnerable members, and the most affected by marginalization in our community.
 - [VSB School Renaming Process](#)
4. Presentation of views
 - [History of School Name](#)
 - Presentation: [Reasons For Retaining the name of the School \(Dennis\)](#)
 - Presentation: [Reasons For Changing the name of the School \(Lawrence\)](#)
5. Questions related to Process / Presentations
 - What about the cost of renaming review, and cost to replace signage, letterhead, materials at the school?
 - i. Gowa responded that the renaming review does not incur additional cost, and is considered "administrative process." The school signage that would need to be changed is minimal.

- Will modern naming be considered? Does it have to be an indigenous name?
 - i. A renaming committee with representatives from staff, students, parents, neighbourhood, and VSB will be formed to assess the various criteria for renaming the school.
- 6. Motion to make a formal request from Captain Cook Elementary Parent's Advisory Committee to the Vancouver School Board that the school name be reviewed.
 - In Favour = 9
 - Opposed = 2
- 7. Reminder of April PAC Meeting
- 8. Adjournment