

## **Arlington Career Center (ACC) Naming Committee Meeting #2 February 28, 2024**

The ACC Naming Committee meeting #2 convened on Wed, Feb 24, 2024, at ACC at 6 p.m.

### **Committee Members Present:**

1. Barbara Kanninen, Naming Committee Chair
2. Margaret Chung, Principal, ACC
3. Michelle Van Lare, Arlington Tech Coordinator
4. Anne Cupero, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Dept. Chair, Forensic Science teacher, and Dual Enrollment Biology Teacher, Arlington Tech
5. Catherine “Catey” Wright, Arlington Tech – 9th Grade
6. Georgia Hardeman, Part-time (physical therapy), Yorktown High School
7. Edwin Reyes, Class of 2008 (The Academy)
8. Christy Gunville, Arlington Tech families
9. Octavia Johnson, ACC families
10. Robin Taylor, Parent of part-time CTE (culinary arts) student from W-L
11. Jessica Kaplan, Arlington Historical Society
12. Brian Sigriz, Co-President, Arlington Heights Civic Association
13. Ron Haddox, President, Columbia Heights Civil Association

### **Also Present:**

1. Catherine Ashby, School & Community Relations Staff Liaison (Non-Voting)

### **Meeting Opening and Introductions**

Committee Chair, Dr. Barbara Kanninen, provided a brief recap of topics covered in the first meeting and the format of this meeting. The committee members present divided into three small groups – students, staff and community – to discuss the names they generated and feedback from their peers and community members since the first meeting. Then, all groups presented their ideas.

Chair Kanninen reminded everyone that the goal for the meeting is not to debate the current ACC name—rather, to review the possible new names and arrive at short list to send out to the community for input via a survey. She also confirmed that ACC would be an option on the survey.

Parent participants asked what occurs if we field the survey of our top names, and then new names emerge. The chair confirmed that we will consider all names suggested in this next phase.

### **Initial Name Ideas Generated with Community Input**

#### **Staff Proposed Names**

- Arlington Stem Campus
- Alfred Clark Campus
- Arlington Academy of Technology
- Campus At Columbia Pike
- Arlington Career Campus
- Arlington STEM & Career Institute
- Gertrude Crocker Campus

#### **Student Proposed Names**

- Cesar Chavez
- Opportunities

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- ACC
- Career and Technical Center
- Grace Hopper
- Albert Einstein
- Freedman
- Arlington Innovation Studio

Community (Civic Associations/Parents/Community) Proposed Names

- Grace Hopper
- Career & Tech
- Pike Academy for Arts and Technology
- Freedman's Academy or Freedman's Tech Academy
- Codebreakers

**Short List of Name Recommendations**

Following the presentation of names and their rationale, the group did a gallery walk to select their top five name recommendations. Based on that process, the group ended with the following short list to field in a survey to the community in March.

- Arlington Career Center
- Arlington Career and Technical Center
- Campus at Columbia Pike
- Freedman's Academy
- The Pike Academy
- Grace Hopper Academy

The group also agreed the survey should separately as if there is a preference on the type of facility – center, academy, campus, etc.

**Next Steps**

Next steps are for staff to develop a draft survey to field to the community prior to the final and third meeting, which is scheduled for March 20 but may need to be postponed until after the break to allow a reasonable survey window.

**Adjournment**

The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.