

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM #92 (2004-2005)

October 25, 2004

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: NEW EAGLE RIVER AREA HIGH SCHOOL NAME

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the School Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation to name the new high school in Eagle River the Eagle River High School.

PERTINENT FACTS:

It is the naming committee's recommendation to the Superintendent that the new high school be named Eagle River High School.

School Board Policy 745 - Naming of Schools and Facilities, Fields and Other Areas (Attachment A) establishes the process to be followed when a school or facility is to be named. In accordance with this policy, a committee was appointed to identify a name to be recommended to the School Board for the new Eagle River area high school.

The members of the naming committee are shown on Attachment B. The committee included the Anchorage School Board Military Liaison, the Former Alaska Star Editor, representatives from the Eagle River Community Council, South Fork Community Council Minority Education Concerns Committee, two Chugiak High School students, one student from Bartlett High School, one parent from Gruening Middle School, and one parent from Chugiak High School. Ms. Natalie Burnett, the principal of the new high school facilitated the committee. Mike Henry, Executive Director, High School Education, chaired the committee.

The committee met four times. In those meetings, members identified the process and timeline that would be used to make their selection, and they proceeded to narrow the nominations to a single recommendation for the Superintendent. The District advertised on the School District Web page from August 14 - September 24 for name submissions. Nomination forms (Attachment C) were sent to all feeder elementary, middle and high schools; Eagle River, Homestead, Fire Lake, Alpenglow, Ravenwood, Birchwood, Chugiak elementary schools, Gruening, and Mirror Lake middle schools,

Chugiak and Bartlett high schools. Forms were also available at the Administration Building.

At the first naming committee meeting on September 2, the procedures for the naming of school and facilities and School Board Policy 745 were discussed. The process used to seek nominations was explained and the timeline for subsequent meetings was developed. The committee also established the method in which it would select the school name that would be recommended to the Superintendent.

At the second committee meeting on September 28, the process for the next two meetings was discussed (Attachment D). The committee was given the packet (Attachment E) of 139 name submissions with a brief narrative for each. As committee members examined the names, seven were moved to the category "criteria not met" because the nominee was still living. Before the meeting was adjourned, Ms. Burnett explained to the committee what their charge would be for the next meeting. Members were to select two nominees and prepare to present justification for each of their selections. Each committee member was to make his/her presentation to the rest of the committee. (A two-minute time limit was placed on each presentation).

At the October 7 meeting, each committee member presented his/her two choices. The following names were submitted: Glenn Briggs High School, Eagle River High School, North High School, Hiland High School, Joe Reddington, Sr. High School, and Eagle River Valley High School.

The committee discussed and shared concerns about the six names selected. Committee members were then given ballots to list their top four choices in order from first choice to fourth choice. First choice selections were given a rating of 4 points, second 3 points, third 2 points, and fourth choice was awarded 1 point. The top four selections through the ballot process were: Eagle River High School, Hiland High School, Glenn Briggs High School, and Eagle River Valley High School. Prior to the final meeting, committee members were to choose one of the four nominees and prepare to present their rationale for that choice to the rest of the committee.

At the final meeting on October 12, the committee members gave their individual presentations. All committee members stated that they conducted extensive research within the community. A clear majority of committee members relayed their preference of the name Eagle River High School. After the presentations, the committee members briefly discussed the four choices prior to taking the final vote. A majority of the committee selected Eagle River High School on the first ballot. The Administration supports the committee's recommendation and the community involvement process that was used to garner the initial nominations.

A notebook containing all minutes and supporting materials is located in the Board office for review.

CC/JC/MH/NB

Attachments

Prepared by: Mike Henry, Executive Director, High School Education
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Approved by: Jan Christensen, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction

745 Naming of Schools and Facilities, Fields and Other Areas

- a. When a school or facility is to be named, the Superintendent will appoint a Districtwide committee. The committee will include a central office administrator as chairperson, a principal, and at least five other citizens in the community. Citizens, Board members, students, PTA's and/or other parent groups, school personnel, community councils, and community members-at-large may submit names for consideration by the committee. The Superintendent will make the final recommendation to the Board.

In selecting names, special consideration will be given to those names that have special meaning to students and will enhance educational values.

Schools or facilities may be named for national, state or local leaders as well as for community locations.

No two schools in the District will be given the same name nor will schools or facilities be named after living people.

- b. Fields and/or other specific areas on a school campus or within a school building, may be named by the Board.

In selecting names for these areas, special consideration will be given to those names of individuals or organizations that have special meaning to the students and/or staff and the community, and which will honor commitment and dedication to that particular field, or area of the school.

Requests for naming such areas will be submitted through the building principal to the Superintendent. The Superintendent will review the request and will submit the suggestions to the Board with a recommendation for action.

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New Eagle River High School Naming Committee

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Selection Process

September 28, 2004

Review all nominees

Take packet of nominees home. Study and select two of your choices and prepare justification for your two selections.

October 7, 2004

Each of the ten members of the committee will have the opportunity to present and speak (maximum two minutes each) on each of their two choices.

All presentations will be made before discussion.

At the end of presentations, time will be allotted for clarification and questions.

At the end of the question session, ballots will be completed by each of the ten members. Members will list their personal top four choices in order from the first choice to fourth choice. First choice selections will be given a rating of four points, second, three points, third, two points and fourth, one point.

A tally will be taken and the top four selections will be revealed. Committee members will be instructed to go home, study and select one name and prepare justification for your selection.

October 12, 2004

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All presentations will be made before discussion.

At the end of all presentations, time will be allotted for clarification and questions.

At the end of the question session, ballots will be completed by each of the ten members. Members will list their top choice only. In the case of a tie, ballots will be re-distributed for tied choices.

A tally will be taken, the top selection will be revealed. The top selection will be forwarded to the Superintendent as the committee's recommendation.

New Eagle River High School Nominations

(September 29, 2004)

1. Alaska Valleyside High School No reason given.
2. Alpenglow High School(2) The beautiful mountain setting in Eagle River makes this name appropriate.
(Alpenglow Elementary School)
3. Alter High School Kyle Alter, a hero of the community, attended Gruening Middle School and died of cancer in 2003.
4. Anchorage Eagle High School The school is located in Eagle River and there are lots of eagles in the area..
5. Andy Kirk High School(4) Andy Kirk, a teacher at Chugiak High School for over twenty years, founding numerous clubs and organizations and continued participation until his death.
6. Archie Van Winkle High School Archie Van Winkle is the only Medal of Honor recipient born in Alaska. He was a WWII Marine who received the Medal of Honor in the Korean War.
7. Arctic Valley High School No reason given.
8. Arnold G. Espe High School One of the original founders of the Permanent Fund while also founding the Alaska Pacific Bancorp and Northrim Bank. He currently has two grandchildren enrolled in ASD.
9. Atlasta High School A new school in Eagle River is notorious for being voted down. At last, a high school.
10. Augustine High School Name the school after the St. Augustine volcano.
11. Bear Valley High School No reason given.
(Bear Valley Elementary)

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| 12. Begich High School | Nick Begich Sr. once had a school named after him which was later absorbed into Bartlett High School. It would be fitting to honor his service to our state. |
| 13. Blackberry High School(2) | The eagle eats brambleberries to have good eyesight. |
| 14. Brooks High School | Eagle River has Brook Road. |
| 15. Camaii High School | Camaii is Yupik for hello. |
| 16. Captain Cook High School(2) | Famous Alaskan explorer. |
| 17. Carl Anderson Jr. High School(2) | Soldier killed in Iraq in 2004. |
| 18. Champion High School | No reason given. |
| 19. Chief Alex High School | Mike Alex, the last hereditary chief of Eklutna, would honor Alaskan Natives. |
| 20. Chilkoot High School | The name Chilkoot would honor the Chilkoot Trail used by the gold panners opening Alaska for exploration and development. |
| 21. Chugach Mountain High School | Eagle River is located in the Chugach Mountains. |
| 22. Coronado High School | It is not east, west or south. |
| 23. David Douthit High School | Only Alaskan to die for his country fighting the Gulf War in Iraq. A bridge in Soldotna is named in his honor. |
| 24. Delphinus High School | A star constellation meaning dolphin. |
| 25. Denaina High School(3) | Represents Athabascan tribe first known to settle in the area. |
| 26. Eagle Claw High School | Incorporates the eagle in Eagle River. |

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| 27. Eagle Crest High School | No reason given. |
| 28. Eagle Eyes High School | Eagles are wonderful animals and they have beautiful eyes – keeping their eyes on the community. |
| 29. Eagle High School(3) | The eagle is a symbol that represents our nation. Using the eagle would be a wonderful way to use the symbol by representing our youth, the future of our nation. |
| 30. Eagle Pacific High School | It sounds good. |
| 31. Eagle Pointe High School | No reason given. |
| 32. Eagle River High School(160) | Based on geographical location. Also Eagle River is a distinct community and should have the independence reflected through the name of its' local high school. Eagle River High would be simple to remember and logical as the Eagle River flows through the area. Eagles perch high on the trees near the school as they do in the town of Eagle River during the winter months. (Eagle River Elementary School) |
| 33. Eagle River Highlanders | "Highlanders" captures the spirit and essence of the community. Also, the location offers magnificent vistas of Eagle Rivers' highland and mountains. |
| 34. Eagle River Miracle High School | It is a miracle that the school was ever built next to a minimum security prison. |
| 35. Eagle River North High School | No reason given. |
| 36. Eagle River Predator High School | No reason given. |
| 37. Eagle River Rapids High School | The name is premised upon Eagle River which is located in the town of Eagle River. |

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| 38. Eagle River Area Secondary School of Science and Math | The school would offer special programs. |
| 39. Eagle Riverside High School | The school would be near a river in Eagle River. |
| 40. Eagle River South High School | The school would be named after the geographic location in the Eagle River area. |
| 41. Eagle Riverside High School | The school is located near the Eagle River and also in the town of Eagle River. |
| 42. Eagle River South High School | It is appropriate to name the school based on location. |
| 43. Eagle River Valley High School(7) | It is important to name the school after Eagle River. Adding Valley differentiates the school from Eagle River Elementary. |
| 44. Eagle River Valley View High School | A gorgeous view we take for granted. |
| 45. Eagle Spirit High School | Spirit can be discerned in different ways, such as in school spirit, or the spirit of the Eagle, known to be regal, powerful, with keen vision, soaring to great heights (as would young adults that graduate from high school). |
| 46. Eaglet High School | Name the school after the young eagle. |
| 47. Eagle Valley High School(3) | Incorporating the name eagle and the Eagle River Valley. |
| 48. Eagle View High School | The school is located in the Valley of Eagle River and the Eagles soar around that area. |
| 49. Eagly High School | A cool name. |
| 50. Earthquake High School | Named for the Good Friday earthquake. |
| 51. East Highland High School | It sounds cool. |
| 52. Eklutna High School | Named for the Native Village. |

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| 53. Fred Machatanz High School | Fred Machatanz was a life long Alaskan artist. His art is among the most recognized throughout Alaska and the United States. |
| 54. Freedom High School | Freedom High School would be a tribute to all soldiers who have fought and died for our country. |
| 55. George Vancouver High School | George Vancouver surveyed the Eagle River area in the early 1700's. |
| 56. Glacial View High School(2) | The school has a beautiful view of the Eagle River Valley which is capped by the glacier. |
| 57. Glacier High School | The new school is located on top of an ancient moraine left behind as the glacier receded. |
| 58. Glacier View High School(2) | The site of the new high school looks out over the glacial valley of Eagle River offering a beautiful and unique setting. |
| 59. Glate High School | Glate is a word created from the words flat and glass. |
| 60. Glenn Briggs High School(9) | Glenn Briggs was one of our founding homesteaders and a community leader of the Eagle River area. Glenn did not have children of his own. However, he loved students, and gave enormously of his own money to provide scholarships and educational funds to help students achieve their dreams. The Glenn Briggs Foundation has awarded numerous scholarships to students in the Eagle River area. |
| 61. Glenn Godfrey High School | Former Public Safety Commissioner, killed in 2002. |
| 62. Golden Valley High School | No reason given. |
| 63. Golden Valleyside High School | No reason given. |

64. Gordon Lyon High School	The school site is overlooked by Mount Gordon Lyon.
65. Grandview High School 66. Great Aurora High School	No reason given. Named after one of the most incredible natural phenomenon the world has to offer.
67. Greatland High School	Alaska is known as the great land which would make a great name for a school.
68. Harrison High School	Representing the signing of the Harrison Act. No further explanation.
69. Highlander High School	The school sits in the shadow of Hiland Mountain and on the road to Eagle River Valley.
70. Highland High School(11)	The name would bring pride to the new school and area. It would also represent the community without naming it after the city. (Highland Tech)
71. Highland Mountain High School	Highland Mountain High School would reflect our community without naming it after Eagle River.
72. Hiland Heights High School(3)	This location borders the Hiland Road area.
73. Hiland High School(21)	The school should be named Hiland High School because of it's location at the base of Hiland Mountain.
74. Hiland Mountain High School(6)	The name Hiland Mountain would use local landmarks connecting the school with the pristine beauty surrounding it.
75. Home Range Side High School	No reason given.
76. Home Range Valley High School	No reason given.

77. Honor High School	The greatest strength an individual can have is personal honor.
78. Iditarod High School	No reason given.
79. Independence High School	Independence would be independent from Anchorage's South, East and West High School.
80. Jade High School	No reason given.
81. James Hesterburg High School	State of Alaska Prisoner Transport Office killed in a car accident.
82. Joe Reddington Sr. High School(8)	Father of the Iditarod.
83. John Muir High School	Great American, author, conservationist, who wrote about Alaska.
84. Joseph R. Kapella High School	Joe was a member of the Eagle River Lion and Elk Clubs. He helped secure the land where Homestead Elementary was built.
85. Justin T. Wollam High School	A fallen police officer who resided in Eagle River.
86. Mardy Maurie High School	A well-known old-time Alaskan. Husband Olaus was a famous wildlife biologist/naturalist.
87. Martin Luther King Jr. High School	The greatest civil rights leader of all time. (King Career Center)
88. Matthew Henson High School	Matthew Henson was an African-American polar explorer, part of the Peary expedition. He was the first man to stand at the North Pole.
89. Mike McDonald High School	Mike McDonald was a beloved educator and musician in the Anchorage School District.
90. Mount Hiland High School	No reason given.

91. Mountain Majesty High School	No reason given.
92. Mountain Shadow High School(2)	The site overlooks the Eagle River Valley and is in the shadows of Hiland Mountain.
93. Mt. Susitna High School	The school is located near a well-known landmark which would not divide communities.
94. Mystic Valley High School	No reason given.
95. North Anchorage High School	Other schools have been named after the compass points.
96. North Eagle River High School(2)	The school is situated north of Eagle River.
97. North Fork High School	The school site is between the two forks of Eagle River and closest to North Fork.
98. North High School(15)	This name was consistent with South, East and West High School.
99. North Park High School	This would be a nice compliment of the recent South Park High School in Anchorage.
100. North River High School	No reason given.
101. North Star High School	No reason given.
102. Nuk'clehitnu High School(2)	The traditional Athabascan name for "Fish Run Again Creek."
103. Nuk'elenitnu High School	The Athabascan name for Eagle River.
104. Permafrost High School	A cool name.
105. Phoenix High School	First ship built in Alaska.
106. Pioneer High School	Eagle River High School will lead the way in education with it s small intimate structure of only 800 students.

107. Pippel High School	The Pippel Family was one of the first residents of Eagle River.
108. Qayah High School	Dena'ina Athabascan term for "village where the people live."
109. Rainbow Valley High School	No reason given.
110. Riparian High School	The school's location suggest the word Riparian: of or relating to the bank of a stream, river, or lake.
111. River City High School(2)	Eagle River is referred to as the "River City" among teenagers.
112. River High School(2)	No reason given.
113. River Valley High School(2)	No reason given.
114. River View High School	The name River View sounds Alaskan.
115. Riverside High School	The school is in close proximity to the Eagle River.
116. Robert J. Ernisse	Bob was a great support to the Eagle River community as well as across Alaska. He ran the Iditarod and the Serum Run many times. Bob died in 2003.
117. Rock'N'Roll High School	An original name.
118. Ronald Reagan High School(2)	An honor to a great American President, keeping his name alive among Alaskan high school students.
119. Sherry Stears(2)	Sherry Stears was a great Principal at Clark Middle School.
120. Skyline High School	This name was chosen based on scenic views from among the peaks of Eagle River.
121. Soar High School(2)	Combining the eagle mascot and the word soar; means to fly high.

122. South Fork High School(2)	A good geographic description of the high school.
123. Spruce River High School	The trees and river are a part of the beautiful city of Eagle River.
124. Sweet Valley High School	No reason given.
125. Sydney Lawrence High School	Famous Alaskan painter who died this year.
126. Valley River High School	Sensible.
127. Valley View High School(2)	The school is situated at the entrance of the Eagle River Valley.
128. Valleyside High School	No reason given.
129. William Egan High School	the first governor of Alaska.
130. William Kinney Keller High School	Superintendent of schools in Anchorage and the 1920's and 1930's. Mr. Keller was also the Commissioner of Education and Education Department Head at UAA.
131. William Paul Sr. High School	William Paul was the first Native elected to the Alaska Legislature.
132. Yukla High School(3)	Yukla means "eagle", which was the old meaning for Eagle River.

Criteria Not Met:

133. Chris Slovac High School	A teacher and coach.
134. Ed Willis High School	No reason given. Ed Willis was a former Representative of Eagle River.
135. Huffer High School(7)	Tom Huffer, a CHS retired teacher, has coached in the Eagle River area for over thirty years.

136. Jay Hammond High School Honoring former State Legislator and Governor, Jay Hammond, who helped create the Permanent Fund Corporation.
137. Knowles High School Named after former Governor Tony Knowles.
138. Lee B. Jordan High School Lee Jordan has lived in the Eagle River area for over forty years, founded a local newspaper, The Alaska Star, President of Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and most historically, he served as Chugiak-Eagle River's only mayor in 1974-75. His name evokes pride, history and growth in the Chugiak-Eagle River community
139. Norman Vaughn High School A life-long adventurer who traveled on an expedition to Antarctica with Admiral Byrd. He is an inspiration to younger generations.