

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

New Eagle River Area High School Naming Committee
Gruening Middle School

September 2, 2004

AGENDA

Call meeting to order:

Mike Henry, Executive Director High School Education

Introduction of Natalie Burnett, New Eagle River Area High School Principal and
Committee Facilitator

- Introduction of Committee Members

- Time Line
Committee Meeting: September 28, 3:30 p.m., GMS Library
Presentation of nominations

Committee Meeting: October 7, 3:30 p.m., GMS Library
Selection of top choices

Committee Meeting: October 12, 3:30 p.m., GMS Library
Final recommendations

Recommendation to Superintendent-mid-October

School Board Meeting:
First Reading: Late October
Second Reading: Early November

- Naming of Schools and Facilities, Fields and Other Areas
(ASD Policy 745)

- Update on Nominations

- Decision Making (Procedure)

- Assignment before next meeting:
 1. Spread word about nominations
 2. Provide handout, fax nominations or ASD online website information
to community

- Other

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The preliminary meeting of the new Eagle River Area High School committee was held on September 2, 2004 at 4:00pm at the Gruening Middle School Library. In attendance: Mike Henry, Natalie Burnett, Janet Wright, Cathy Smith, Lee Jordan, Robert Gill, Angela Weiss, C.J. Nordstrom, Andrea Waters and Charie McCurtain. Committee members unable to attend: Nancy Davis, Lt. Col. David Jones, and Helen Sharratt.

Introductions were made by Mike Henry, Natalie Burnett and attending committee members. Naming nomination packets were distributed to committee members. The packet included name nominations received from the public to date, naming committee timeline, selection process instructions, Anchorage School Board Policy 745, and blank nominations forms to distribute to the community.

Future naming committee meeting dates were discussed and agreed upon by the committee. The dates are as follows: September 28, October 7 and October 12, at 3:30pm at the Gruening Middle School Library. Ms. Burnett stated that the name for the new Eagle River Area High School should be decided before Thanksgiving. An additional meeting may be added if necessary.

Ms. Burnett discussed the deadline for name nominations extending until September 24, 2004 allowing more time for additional nominations from students.

All nominations will be carefully considered. The naming committee will decide on the recommendation using the selection process used for previous new schools in the District. The final recommendations will be presented to Carol Comeau and the Anchorage School Board for final approval.

Ms. Burnett asked the committee to distribute the ten nomination forms to the community for additional name suggestions. The form also includes the website address for on-line nominations. The ASD website does advertise the opportunity for name nominations. Ms. Burnett plans interviews with the Anchorage Daily News and The Star regarding the name nominations for the new Eagle River Area High School.

Several committee members agreed to help in distributing name nominations forms to particular areas of the community.

Ms. Burnett reported that the new school is half completed and invited committee members to drive by and see the progress.

Ms. Burnett plans on a committee of 10-20 students to select the color and mascot for student election by ballot. The naming committee will not participate in this process.

At the next meeting the committee members will receive a list of names nominated with an explanation. A presentation of nominations will be taken at this time.

Ms. Burnett looks forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting of September 28, 2004 at 3:30pm at the Gruening Middle School Library.

Janet Wright
Administrative Assistant