

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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New Eagle River Area High School Naming Committee  
Gruening Middle School

September 28, 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
  
- Minutes -- September 28, 2004 Meeting
  
- Handout Materials – Selection Process  
Sample Ballot
  
- Presentation of School Name Nominations
  
- Other
  
- Close

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Naming Committee Meeting Minutes  
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Mike Henry opened the meeting before handing it over to the New Eagle River High School Principal, Natalie Burnett. Committee Members in attendance: Nancy Davis, Bob Gill, David Jones, Lee Jordan, Charie McCurtain, Christopher Nordstrom, Helen Sharratt, Cathy Smith, Andrea Waters, and Angela Weiss. The committee members introduced themselves as well as a non-committee member, Kate Pesnecker, reporter from the Anchorage Daily News.

Ms. Burnett reviewed the list of 139 name nominations with the committee members. Seven names were excluded because the nominated person was still living; according to School Board Policy 745.

Mr. Henry discussed the Hiland and Highland name nominations and how they sound similar. They may be the same nomination because Hiland Road and Hiland Mountain are located close to the school site. Also the name Martin Luther King Jr. may be used as it is different than Martin Luther King Career Center.

Ms. Burnett explained that committee members will choose four names from the nomination list at meeting next week.

Ms. Burnett explained the selection process, and the expectations at the two future meetings. Committee members are asked to bring two choices and to give a two-minute presentation advocating their choices. At the end of the presentation, a point system will be used to narrow down the selection. During the last meeting scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, committee members will vote for one name with a final name chosen. If the committee is unable to come to a final result, another meeting may need to be scheduled.

Mr. Henry was asked what difficulties the committee may incur through the naming process. Mr. Henry explained that the selection process has been used successfully for many schools in the past and that he is looking forward to this process.

Mr. Henry was asked the question of open enrollment in the New Eagle River Area High School. Mr. Henry explained that NERHS will have open enrollment not to exceed 97% capacity. Students who are 12<sup>th</sup> graders may opt to stay at Chugiak High School. Mr. Henry also mentioned that the School Board passed a policy allowing students to be granted zone exception for the duration of attending a school in the Anchorage School District.

Ms. Burnett closed the meeting with a reminder that the committee members will bring two name recommendations with a two minute explanation of their choices. The list of recommendations will be narrowed down to four names using the selection process. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 7, 3:30 at the Gruening Middle School Library.

Ms. Burnett also thanked Lee Jordan for sharing a copy of his book "Starlight Memories" to all committee members.

Janet Wright  
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