

CITIZENS' RENAMING COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

5:30 p.m.

September 3, 2020

Lee High School Library

The following committee members were present

Blake Feldt (Co-chair)
Shannon Low (Co-chair)
Josh Sperry
Maridell Fryar
Shirley Howard
John Norman
Alfred Sanchez III
Stacy Martinez
Frank Maldonado
Ashley Boren
Rachel Stone
Steve Subia
Tod Brown
Valerie Tinker
Noble Kendrick
Monica Stroman Tucker
Roderick Strambler
Sarah Hale
Jennifer Seybert
Beau Garza
Ellen Boyd
Italia Salazar
Makhilyn Young

The following committee members were absent

None.

Minutes

5:33 p.m.: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Shannon Low.

5:34 p.m.: Co-Chair Blake Feldt gave opening comments. Mr. Feldt reminded committee members that the Citizens' Renaming Committee's purpose is to recommend a new name for

Robert E. Lee High School and to bring up to three recommendations to the Midland ISD Board of Trustees. Mr. Feldt told the committee that their task for the September 3 meeting was for each member to offer their recommendation for a new name and that each member would be allotted five minutes for discussion. All committee members had the option to pass if they did not want to offer a recommendation. When all recommendations were offered and recorded, members were given the option to vote for up to five different recommendations. A tally would be kept, and the top five recommendations would be carried into the following meeting to be reduced by vote to three.

5:53 p.m.: The committee members offered the following recommendations:

Maridell Fryar recommended **Basin High School**, adding that she would like the mascot to be the Stars and the school colors changed to royal blue and gold.

Josh Sperry recommended **Midland Carver Lee High School**.

Italia Salazar recommended **Lee High School**.

Makhilyn Young recommended **Midland Learning Education Equality (LEE) High School**.

Shirley Howard recommended **Midland Liberty High School**.

John Norman recommended **Tall City High School**.

Stacy Martinez passed.

Alfred Sanchez III recommended **Lee High School**.

Ashley Boren recommended **Midland Legacy in Education and Excellence (LEE) High School**.

Frank Maldonado recommended **Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School**.

Rachel Stone recommended **Basin High School**.

Steve Subia recommended **Midland Carver Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School**.

Tod Brown recommended **Anything But Lee High School**.

Valerie Tinker recommended **Laura Bush High School**.

Noble Kendrick recommended **Midland Carver Lee High School**.

Monica Stroman Tucker recommended **Tall City High School**.

Sarah Hale recommended **Midland Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School**.

Roderick Strambler recommended **Everything With Lee In It High School**.

Jennifer Seybert passed.

Ellen Boyd recommended **Midland Lee High School**.

Beau Garza recommended **Tall City High School**.

Blake Feldt recommended **Midland Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School**, with a note that “Legacy” is meant to honor the former Carver High School.

Shannon Low recommended **Midland Carver Lee High School**.

7:15 p.m.: The committee took a break.

7:22 p.m.: Mr. Feldt answered a question from the committee about which “Carver” would be represented; he indicated that his intention for “Carver” was to represent the former George Washington Carver High School. Other committee members who chose “Carver” explicitly in their recommendations said their “Carver” recognizes the former George Washington Carver High School, as well.

7:25 p.m.: Committee members voted on their top five recommendations as follows:

Ms. Fryar voted for Basin High School, Midland Carver Lee High School, Midland Liberty High School, Tall City High School, and Laura Bush High School.

Mr. Sperry voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Midland Learning Education Equality (LEE) High School, Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School, and Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Ms. Salazar voted for Basin High School, Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Tall City High School, and Midland Legacy of Education (LEE) High School.

Mr. Young voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Midland Learning Education Equality (LEE) High School, and Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Ms. Howard voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, and Tall City High School.

Mr. Norman voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, and Tall City High School.

Ms. Martinez voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, and Tall City High School.

Mr. Sanchez voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, and Tall City High School.

Ms. Boren voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Midland Learning Education Equality (LEE) High School, Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School, and Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Mr. Maldonado voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Legacy of Equality and Education (LEE) High School, and Midland Carver Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Ms. Stone voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, and Tall City High School.

Mr. Subia voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School, and Midland Carver Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Mr. Brown voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, Tall City High School, and Laura Bush High School.

Ms. Tinker voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, Tall City High School, and Laura Bush High School.

Mr. Kendrick voted Midland Carver Lee High School and Midland Carver Legacy of Equality and Education (LEE) High School.

Ms. Tucker voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, Tall City High School, and Laura Bush High School.

Ms. Hale voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Midland Learning Education Equality (LEE) High School, Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School, and Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Mr. Strambler voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Midland Learning Education Equality (LEE) High School, Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School, and Midland Carver Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Ms. Seybert voted for Basin High School, Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Tall City High School, and Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Ms. Boyd voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Lee High School, Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School, Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Mr. Garza voted for Basin High School, Midland Liberty High School, Tall City High School, and Laura Bush High School.

Mr. Feldt voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School, and Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

Ms. Low voted for Midland Carver Lee High School, Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School, Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School, and Midland Carver Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School.

7:35 p.m.: The votes were tallied, and the results were as follows:

Basin High School received 11 votes.

Midland Caver Lee High School received 15 votes.

Lee High School received 11 votes.

Midland Learning Education Equality (LEE) High School received five votes.

Midland Liberty High School received nine votes.

Tall City High School received 12 votes.

Midland Legacy of Education and Excellence (LEE) High School received eight votes.

Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School received 10 votes.

Midland Carver Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School received five votes.

Anything But Lee High School received zero votes.

Laura Bush High School received five votes.

Everything With Lee In It High School received zero votes.

The top five recommendations were Midland Carver Lee High School (15), Tall City High School (12), Basin High School (11), Lee High School (11), and Legacy of Equality and Excellence (LEE) High School (10).

7:39 p.m.: Mr. Feldt discussed the procedures for the next meeting. The committee will vote to reduce the top five recommendations to three. Each committee member will be allotted five minutes for discussion, five minutes for response, and will vote for one recommendation.

7:40 p.m.: Ms. Low told the committee that physical copies of community responses were available at the meeting. Ms. Low suggested sharing the committee's top five recommendations with all current Lee Senior High, Lee Freshman, Abell Junior High and Alamo Junior High students through their district-issued student email addresses to request their feedback. Ms. Howard objected on grounds that equal opportunity could not be guaranteed because of a disparity in technology accessibility among students. Ms. Fryar expressed concern that students might think they were charged with deciding which recommendation should be approved. Ms. Salazar said students want to share their opinions and know the committee's purpose. Ms. Hale suggested that a disclaimer be included in the correspondence with students to clarify that their feedback was being solicited and that the request was not a vote.

7:44 p.m.: Mr. Feldt called for a vote to be taken by show of hands for approval to send via email a survey to students of Lee Senior High School, Lee Freshman, Abell and Alamo. The vote tally was 13 for and 10 against. The measure passed.

7:51 p.m.: Meeting adjourned.