

Policy 7310: Naming Of Facility

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Purpose

1. It is the intent of the Patterson Unified School District Board of Trustees to name schools and other facilities in the district in a manner that evokes pride in students, parents/guardians, the community and school employees.
2. The Board may create an ad hoc committee which will develop recommendations for naming new schools. The ad hoc committee will include representatives from the district staff, parents/guardians, students and community members. They will be responsible for receiving and screening school name suggestions and submitting the recommendation to the Board for its consideration and approval.
3. Final authority for naming school or facilities rests with the Board.

General Guidelines

The Board has placed the following parameters on names.

1. Geographic areas in which the school, building or facility is located (i.e. Las Palmas, Apricot Valley, Creekside Middle School).
2. Concept that reflects the values of the community, region or nation (i.e. Liberty, Alliance, Freedom).
3. Names of distinguished men and women who have made outstanding contributions to community, state, nation or to the general welfare of mankind. Staff, community members, or groups wishing to propose an individual and the facility to be named in his/her honor shall submit the proposal in writing to the Superintendent.
 - a. Honoree can be living or deceased.
 - b. Honoree's contributions to Patterson Unified School District must be examined by its enduring nature and lasting significance, real or symbolic.
 - c. Current Board members and school district personnel are ineligible.
4. School Name based on Donations:

Suggested donations for buildings, facilities or land will cover a percent of the cost as set forth by the Board.

Memorials

Upon request, the Board shall consider planting commemorative trees, erecting monuments, or dedicating buildings, parts of buildings, athletic fields, gardens, or other district facilities, in memory of deceased students, staff members, community members, and benefactors of the district.

Approval Process

1. The Superintendent shall forward all proposals meeting the above standards to the Board. The proposed names will be reviewed at two Board meetings.
 2. The Board shall hear and accept the proposal(s) when the proposal is submitted to the Board for the first reading. In the interim between the acceptance of the initial proposal and the next regularly scheduled meeting, additional proposals may be received by the Superintendent and shall, if they meet the criteria and standards, be submitted to the Board at that next regular meeting.
 3. The Board has the final responsibility to accept or reject any and all proposals at the second Board meeting.
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