

Facilities Committee Meeting Report

Thursday, June 1, 2017

Panera Bread, 3201 Duke St., Alexandria, VA 22314

6:30 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Dr. Terri Mazingo called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. and the committee members introduced themselves.

The following Facilities Naming Committee members were present: Dr. Terri Mazingo, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Elizabeth Hoover, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Michael Herbstman, Chief Financial Officer; Ms. Erika Gulick, Facilities/GIS Planner; Ms. Lath Addie Rasavong, Ms. Deanne McNulty, Ms. Sharri Ralis, Mr. Paul Sibbald, and Mr. Brian DeVallance.

Also in attendance: Ms. Jennifer Abbruzzese, Clerk of the Board/Policy Liaison, recording the meeting minutes.

2. Review of Facilities Naming Process: Community Request to Name ACPS Finance Conference Room as *The Linda Diaz-Paz Conference Room*

Ms. Abbruzzese reviewed the facilities naming process detailed in Policy FF, including the May 25, 2017 School Board vote to form the committee, as well as its role, responsibilities and next steps.

3. Discussion

Each committee member spoke in turn regarding Linda Diaz-Paz' dedication, loyalty and value to ACPS, to the larger Alexandria community, and to those who knew or worked with her directly.

Mr. DeVallance noted the appropriateness of naming a school facility after a local citizen who had a direct impact on the schools, as they are at the center of the community.

Mr. Herbstman recounted her depth of knowledge regarding the ACPS budget and how her reputation preceded her when he first came to the Department of Financial Services.

Mr. Sibbald noted that not only did she take every opportunity to volunteer, but that she was a masterful organizer.

Ms. McNulty remembered her authenticity and that she attended every MacArthur Elementary field trip for her son, even though it often meant working late nights afterward to fulfill her ACPS responsibilities.

Ms. Rasavong noted her wonderful reputation.

Dr. Mazingo discussed her dedication to ACPS and its employees, that she was patient, a good listener, trustworthy, committed, and how much she loved her family and her job.

Dr. Hoover remarked how unusual it is for a single employee to be known and have an impact across the entire school division. She skillfully navigated the challenges and time commitments of being a working mother, often reminding her ACPS colleagues who are also working parents to sign up for field trips, school activities, registration deadlines, etc.

Ms. Ralis noted that as an active Cub Scout leader, she did many jobs, and did them well. She had a healthy sarcasm, was full of joy, and knew that she was loved and appreciated at ACPS.

Ms. Gulick discussed how she helped staff members through budget season, and especially how she brought newer employees up to speed. She remembered an occasion when discussing another employee's departure from ACPS where Linda noted, "We keep losing the best ones."

The committee agreed that naming the conference room for Linda Diaz-Paz would be a fitting tribute to one of "the best ones."

4. Vote on Facilities Naming Request

With discussion on the matter closed, Ms. Ralis moved to recommend that the School Board approve the naming of the ACPS Finance Conference Room as *The Linda Diaz-Paz Conference Room*. Mr. DeVallance seconded the motion. The vote was 9-0. The motion carried.

5. Adjourn

Dr. Mazingo adjourned the meeting at 6:47pm.