



DATE: December 14, 2021

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Nathan Ip, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #03 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held November 30, 2021)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendation was approved at the November 30, 2021, Special Caucus Committee meeting:

Dan Knott School Renaming Process

1. *The process for selecting an Indigenous term as the name for Dan Knott School be approved.*

BACKGROUND

The authority to name schools rests with the Board of Trustees and “preference shall be given to the names of persons who have made a valuable contribution to education and/or to the community at large” (Board Policy EA.BP – Infrastructure Planning Principles). Criteria and process for naming schools are outlined in Administrative Regulation EF.AR – Naming of Schools.

Through public engagement on the renaming of Dan Knott School, administration received suggestions of several Indigenous terms, put forward by members of the Dan Knott School community. The Board of Trustees asked Administration to provide a potential process and timeline for the selection of an Indigenous term as the new name for Dan Knott school.

The Board approved a process that will include further stakeholder engagement and an Indigenous Naming Committee, with the goal of having a name selected in the spring of 2022.

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