

Name: Elementary School Naming Task Force for Aldrich

Type: Task Force: Advisory to the School Board

Purpose(s)/Goal:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review ideas for naming the new elementary school that have been gathered from students, parents, staff and the community by the established deadline.• Use the established school-naming criteria in Board procedure 9250P to screen and select three to five names. Submit the three to five selections, including the rationale for each name, as a recommendation to the School Board in June. Final selection will be made by the School Board in June.
Basis for Establishment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voters approved a 2006 bond to fund construction of new neighborhood elementary school on Aldrich Road, which will serve the Birchwood, Alderwood, and Sunnyland neighborhoods. This is one of the most rapidly growing areas of our Bellingham community for young families with children.• The School Board unanimously authorized a call for bids for the school's construction at the February 25, 2010, meeting. This action followed Board discussions and a thorough review of information about current enrollment at northside elementary schools; future potential of residential growth in the area; a limited time (120-day) opportunity to get the federal government to pay for some, if not all, of the interest on the bonds that will be used to pay for the construction; and extremely favorable market conditions for construction. The market conditions and the interest savings will easily save taxpayers more than \$1 million.
Decision Making Process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the established school-naming criteria in Board procedure 9250P to screen and consensus-building to select three to five names for the recommendation to the School Board. Final selection will be made by the School Board in June.
Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The chair will review each application and select a group that is balanced with diverse representation inclusive of stakeholder groups as well as balanced by attendance areas/neighborhoods and background/experiences relative to the task.
Membership, Regular: <i>(appx. 12–15 members)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-2 Bellingham School District students• 3 district classified staff• 3 district certificated staff• 3 parents from the attendance area or attendance feeder neighborhood schools• 2 principals representing northside elementary schools• 1 community member/business leader• Chair Tanya Rowe, Director of Communications and Community Relations
Ex-officio:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Director of School Administration, Doug Kyles
Responsibilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Available to participate in all meetings.• Read and review information provided.• Provide input.• Follow committee procedures.
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee members will need to be available for up to 1-2 meetings during the workday from in late May or early June.