



New School Name Recommendation Presentation to the Board of Ed. 12/16

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Committee Objectives

- Establish a list of 3-5 Names for Board approval of the New School Project by 12/16
- Name will follow Naming of Facilities Policy 755 I
- Create a list of student driven suggestions with rational
- Create a list from community suggestions

Policy for Naming facilities (School Buildings)

7551

New Construction

Naming of Facilities

School Buildings

The Brookfield Board of Education shall name each new school after the name of the geographic section where it is located. If for some reason the school is not to be named for the section where it is located, a representative group of parents will be consulted in naming the school.

In naming schools, the Board of Education shall appoint an advisory committee of two citizens from the community and one representative from each of the following groups: teachers, administrators, PTO, and in the case of a high or middle school, two student representatives.

The committee shall observe these guidelines:

- The name should be easily identifiable with the school.
- The name should not be in conflict with the name of other schools in the system, surrounding counties or in the state.
- The name should be selected on a geographical basis but most important, it should have significance for the students who will attend the school.
- The names of individuals should not be used.

The school-naming committee shall present a list of not less than three names nor more than five names to the Board, which shall make the final selection.

Other Facilities

Facilities within a school campus — other than the school building itself — may be named for honorees or benefactors. The Brookfield Board of Education shall determine if and when such naming is appropriate.

Policy adopted: 5/19/93
Policy Revised: 10/6/04

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Student Driven Process

- Each Class was given an assembly about the history of Brookfield and history of Brookfield schools the week of 11/30-11/4.
- Debbie Brooks provided the power point for the assembly
- Brenda Kuiper created a Google form for teachers to submit class suggestions with rationale for the suggestion.
- The student list was discussed and narrowed down at the 12/8 Committee meeting.

Community Suggestions

- Colette Sturm brought suggestions from public forums that took place 9/26/19 and 10/22/19 at our first meeting 11/5
- MBC submitted a list of potential names which were discussed 12/8.

The Committee's Recommendations

- 1. Candlewood Elementary School
- 2. Candlewood Lake Elementary School
- *Student rationale*
 - "I liked the history of people using the saplings as candles"; "Because we are on Candlewood Road and it is the most popular lake in Brookfield". Students liked that this name related to the history of Brookfield and was easily recognizable and relatable to Brookfield.
 - After reviewing the slides provided, students brainstormed names trying to include natural elements and history of the area. Candlewood Lake has been important to the area since the early 1920's and is still important to this area today.
 - We watched the video and we picked Candlewood Lake because we know all about Candlewood Lake and couldn't pronounce Lillinonah. Ironworks Elementary was a close second.
 - Candlewood Lake is in Brookfield and it is the largest man made lake in the North East

The Committee's Recommendations

- 3. Lakeside Elementary School

- *Student Rationale*

- We voted on this name because of the Candlewood Lake history and the school is on the Candlewood lake side of town.
- After learning about the history of Brookfield the class brainstormed some great names. Lakeside Elementary won the vote. It was picked because the school is located next to or on the "side" of the largest man-made lake in Connecticut. Even though the school's address is Candlewood Lake, we felt that the title of Candlewood might be a stronger reference for the town of New Milford versus Brookfield, the "#1 Small Town in Connecticut."

- *Committee Rationale*

- Incorporate the Lake without the name Candlewood, and also reflect where the school is in the town which is the "lakeside" of town.

The Committee's Recommendations

- 4. Newbury Elementary
- *Student Rationale*
 - To honor Brookfield's original name
 - The students were excited to learn that Newbury was the original name of our town.
- *Committee rationale*
 - Newbury being the original name of Brookfield gives a nice reference to the towns Origins.

The Committee's Recommendations

- 5. West Brook Elementary
- *Committee Rationale*
- The School is located near the East and West Brooks. The school being on the West side of town and the West brook being closer.

Other Notable Student suggestions

- **Not for Board Consideration**
- Sparks wood Elementary
- Friendship Elementary
- Cool School
- Still River Elementary
- Happy Landings Elementary
- Song River Elementary
- Greenway Elementary
- Pine Hill Elementary

THANK YOU!

- Teachers
- Students
- MBC
- Brookfield Historical Society