

_____ June 8, 2023

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

_____ Facility Support Services

_____ To receive information on the recommended renaming of Peter Burnett Elementary, Kit Carson International Academy, and Sutter Middle School.

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- December 12, 2022—Kickoff meeting
- January 30, 2023—Community building within the committee
- February 15, 2023—Peter Burnett renaming recommendation
- March 22, 2023—Sutter Middle renaming recommendation
- April 12, 2023—Kit Carson renaming recommendation
- May 24, 2023—Confirm renaming recommendations

The District contracted with [RSS Consulting](#) (RSSC) to help objectively facilitate the school renaming process and lead committee meetings. They developed a process for sharing, collecting, vetting, and voting on name recommendations for each site, and adhered to that process for each meeting. As a

Kit Carson

Kit Carson was perhaps the most famous trapper and guide in the West who traveled with John C. Frémont's expeditions in the 1840s. Frémont's wife, Jessie Benton Frémont

Peter Burnett

California's first governor, Peter Burnett, came from a slaveholding Missouri family. He migrated to the Oregon Territory to escape his debtors and ultimately became the Supreme Judge of Oregon's territorial government. He advocated for the total exclusion of all African Americans from the territory and authored what became known as "Burnett's lash law," which authorized the beating of any free Black people refusing to leave the territory.

As the Gold Rush began in 1848 Burnett migrated to California. While serving on the state Supreme Court, he ordered the extradition of Archy Lee (a slave who the California Court had ruled was a free) back to Mississippi. Burnett, who owned two slaves that he kept in California, advocated for the total exclusion of African Americans in

California, as he had in Oregon.

Regarding California's tribal communities, Burnett gave state money to local militias to exterminate the indigenous peoples and worked with the US government to obtain the resources needed to carry out this genocide. Consequently, with support from the U.S. Army, local militias raided tribal settlements and murdered Native people. Local governments paid bounties to settlers for Native scalps and for the horses of the tribal people they killed

Describe the process to be used to make a school renaming recommendation.

Purpose

To make a recommendation to the SCUSD (Sacramento City Unified School District) Board Members on the renaming of three school sites that have been identified by the board, that currently bear the names of persons who perpetuated injustices against historically marginalized peoples. The three school sites are Kit Carson International Academy, Sutter Middle School, Peter Burnett Elementary School.

Outcome

To have the SCUSD Board select new school names, based on committee recommendations, for each of the three sites. Those new names will assist in creating safe learning environments that are welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring for all of our students, staff, and community members.

Process

SCUSD will:

1. Determine the financial impact of renaming the three school sites.
2. Issue a

is designed to educate the world about Indigenous peoples. The map is available at <https://native-land.ca/> (source: Native-land.ca website)

- American River Wikipedia Page https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_River
- Sacramento California Wikipedia Page https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sacramento,_California
- Lone Band of Miwok Indians website <https://ionemiwok.net/>
- Nisenan website <https://www.nisenan.org/>
- Wilton Rancheria website <https://wiltonrancheria-nsn.gov/>
- Bio Sketches Document: https://www.scusd.edu/sites/main/files/file-attachments/sutter-burnett-carson-biosketches-w_sources.pdf?1675394371

Board Policy

The Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education believes all schools should be welcoming, inclu(C)2.7 (i)2.n2 (l)2.65o(S)2 (d2 (duc)-an6.6 (E-11.2 (,9l)2.6 (ueID 45l)13.5 (D)85o(S)2 (b(w)e10

The Board of Education has the discretion to change a facility's name at any time if they deem it
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