



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 8.1

Meeting Date: August 2, 2018

Subject: Approve the Renaming of Kit Carson International Academy Theater to The Joshua Wingert Theater

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

Division: Facilities Support Services

Recommendation: Approve the Renaming of Kit Carson International Academy Theater to The Joshua Wingert Theater.

Background/Rationale: Board Policy (BP) 7310 Naming of Facility allows the Board to consider naming buildings, parts of buildings or athletic fields in honor of the contributions of students, staff members and community members who have been deceased for at least one year. Joshua Wingert enrolled at Kit Carson International Academy (KCIA) in 9th grade and was a student there until his junior year when he could no longer attend due to an illness that eventually took his life in February, 2018. Joshua embodied all that an International Baccalaureate student should strive to be. His impact on the Kit Carson community was such that we propose to name the theater, The Joshua Wingert Theater, in honor of his ever joyful and compassionate spirit.

BP 7310 requires that a student be deceased for at least one year. Joshua passed away in February, 2018. However, the Board may waive this policy requirement.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Cathy Allen, Chief Operations Officer

Santiago Chapa, Principal

Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

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I. Overview/History of Department or Program

Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facility allows the Board to consider naming buildings, parts of buildings or athletic fields in honor of the contributions of students, staff members and community members who have been deceased for at least one year. Joshua Wingert enrolled at Kit Carson International Academy (KCIA) in 9th grade and was a student until his junior year when he could no longer attend due to an illness that eventually took his life in February, 2018. Joshua embodied all that an International Baccalaureate student should strive to be. His impact on the Kit Carson community was such that we propose to name the theater, The Joshua Wingert Theater, in honor of his ever joyful and compassionate spirit.

II. Driving Governance:

Board Policy 7310 Naming of Facility

III. Budget:

No budget impact

IV. Goals, Objectives and Measures:

College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

V. Major Initiatives:

Board Policy 7310 states that a citizen advisory committee shall be appointed to review name suggestions and submit recommendations to the Board for consideration. Community participation in the naming process is encouraged. Below is a list of community engagement efforts that took place in the theater naming process.

March 5, 2018

Kit Carson International Academy PTSO Meeting: Naming of the Joshua Wingert Theater was proposed by a teacher and the PTSO supported the idea.

March 8, 2018

Kit Carson International Academy Staff Meeting: Joshua Wingert Theater suggestion was presented to staff and was unanimously supported.

March 13, 2018

Kit Carson International Academy School Site Council Meeting: Principal Chapa presented the Board Policy for Naming Facilities to the School Site Council. The School Site Council was appointed as the "citizen advisory committee" as it is comprised of students, parents, staff and community members. Members of the School Site Council agreed to discuss the idea of naming the theater after Joshua Wingert with its representative groups, and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

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March 24, 2108

Memorial Service for Joshua Wingert: This service was attended by 400-500 friends, family and community members to celebrate the life of Joshua Wingert. Many of the signatures were collected at this event that affirmed that idea to name the building in honor of Josh. Over the next month, signatures were gathered from over 2000 community members in support the name Joshua Wingert Theater. The support came from students, parents, Kit Carson International Academy staff, East Sac Little league and soccer, East Sac Boy scouts, as well as community members who knew Joshua. Not a single person voiced opposition to the suggestion.

April 3, 2018

Open House: Mr. Chapa detailed the theater suggestion to over 100 parents who attended the Open House. Many parents signed a petition in support.

April 24, 2018

School Site Council Meeting: The citizen advisory committee met and unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board that our black box theater be named "The Joshua Wingert Theater."

VI. Results:

Recommendation to the Board of Education is to rename the Kit Carson International Academy Theater to The Joshua Wingert Theater. BP 7310 requires that a student be deceased for at least one year. Joshua passed away in February, 2018. However, the Board may waive this policy requirement. There is no statutory process or requirement regarding the naming of school facilities under California law. BP 7310 is a policy within the sound discretion and control of the Board.

VII. Lessons Learned/Next Steps:

If approved by the Board of Education the theater will formally be known as "The Joshua Wingert Theater".