



Big Rock, Creekside, Lucas Valley

1 message

Kurt Rossetti <kurtrossetti@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 10:17 AM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

My thoughts on the proposed new names for Dixie Elementary:

- Big Rock will be altered by juvenile minds into something tawdry. Also, it is not a good name for a school - it sounds like something a Neanderthal would say when seeing a large rock, "Grog see big rock!"
- Creekside - does not capture our local geography - totally bland.
- Lucas Valley is fine, but I fear the person it is named after (the rancher named Lucas) has skeletons in his closet that have yet to be unearthed by social justice warriors.

Best,

Kurt Rossetti (parent of two current Vallecito students)



Name change of Dixie School to Lucas Valley Elementary

1 message

Ken Drisdell <k.drisdell@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 10:51 AM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

I support changing the name of the Dixie Elementary School to

" LUCAS VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

Rationale:

- it gives a sense of place and community for those who attend. All the school kids know the creek and have picked berries there and played and explored there. It is not a generic "creek", it is Miller Creek. We do not identify with "a creek", we identify with *Miller Creek*.
- " Big Rock School" does not give a sense of community nor a sense of place; the Big Rock is 3 miles from the school, and is in no way connected to any sense of community. We do not gather at the "Big Rock", we gather near Miller Creek.
- " Creekside School" does not give a sense of place; it is too generic and could be anywhere in California, OR the nation for that matter

Thank you for your consideration!!

Ken Drisdell
6 Mt. McKinley Rd, San Rafael

My two boys walked to Dixie for school, and we live in Upper Lucas Valley



New school name

1 message

Julie Rhinard <jrhinard2@hotmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 12:57 PM

To: "elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org" <elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org>

Hello,

I would just like to express my opinion on the most appropriate name for Dixie School.

I think that the name Creekside Elementary School would be a wonderful way to honor Mrs. DiBenedetto who tragically lost her life earlier in the school year. She meant a lot to my daughter and to many other students over the course of her years at Dixie Elementary.

Mrs. D was so fond of the creek and spent many hours working on creek restoration. She instilled in her students a lifelong interest in the environment and the earth. My older daughter had Mrs. D in 2nd grade and has spoken lovingly of her ever since. Both of my daughters spoke at her memorial service and just about every student brought up how important the creek was to them in their learning and how they will never forget what she taught them.

I wholeheartedly plead with the Board to choose the name Creekside Elementary School.

Respectfully,

Julie Rhinard
Mother of Katie and Natalie Malas



Let's call it Big Rock!!

1 message

Golbus, Aaron (PRT) <aaron.golbus@sfport.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 2:22 PM

To: "elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org" <elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org>

A great local Place Name with long history of use.

Regards,

Aaron Golbus



Public Comments <elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org>

Dixie School

1 message

Blair Ogden <mbogden33@yahoo.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 3:58 PM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

I vote/petition for Lucas Valley
MB Ogden



LUCAS VALLEY ELEMENTARY

1 message

Judi Schellenberg <judi@lucasvalley.net>
To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 7:45 PM

We feel this is the best re-name for Dixie School. It's the location of the school. It is a neutral name and everyone should approve.

Bob and Judi Schellenberg
1212 Idylberry Road
San Rafael, CA 94903



Congratulations - get 'er done!

1 message

Alex Stadtner <astadtner@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 9:27 PM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

TWIMC,

Thank you so much for changing the name!

It is long overdue that we create a more open atmosphere to minorities in this lily white community.

I think all three proposed names are suitable, though I really like Creekside Elementary and Lucas Valley Elementary.

Doing away with racist reminders of local confederate supporters is the right move. Yay!!!

Good luck, and pick a winner!

Sincerely,
Alex Stadtner

Now-More-Proud District Parent



Renaming Dixie School

1 message

Marjorie Hoversten <hoverstn@lvha.net>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 10:00 PM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

I like Lucas Valley school. It is a name specific to the community and the history of the valley. (Although after living here for more than 50 years, to me it will always be Dixie School!)

Marjorie Hoversten
77 Mt. Rainier Drive

Sent from my iPad



elementary school name input

1 message

Theresa Brady <theresa@baybrady.org>

Sat, Jun 29, 2019 at 10:47 AM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

To whom it may concern,

Admittedly I am a TL resident so my opinion should not hold as much weight as **Lucas Valley** residents, but Lucas Valley Elementary seems like the obvious winner. Furthermore, I would object to the name Creekside being used for both the district and elementary school names because it would imply that somehow the school formerly known as Dixie is more important than our other two elementary schools.

Thank you,
Theresa Brady



Names

1 message

debra taube <debra.taube14@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 7:50 AM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

I support Creekside or Big Rock. They are both representative of the natural beauty of our community. I DO NOT support MillerCreek.

Thank you!!

Debra Taube

885 Appleberry Dr. SR

Parent, graduate of the district



School Naming Advisory Committee recommendations (Big Rock, Creekside, Lucas Valley)

1 message

Diane Hiland <dianehiland1@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 2:20 PM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

Re: Big Rock, Creekside Lucas Valley

I appreciate the Board's efforts to engage the community by creating a Naming Committee, and appreciate the Committee's time and efforts to help arrive at a new name that all can be proud of.

That being said, of course you can't please everyone, however, only ONE of these Names really meets the criteria of inspiring, geographically significant etc.

Creekside - Too generic! It sounds like an apartment complex or retirement community. Yes, there is a creek behind Dixie Elementary School...Miller Creek and that is already the name of the Middle School and hopefully the new name for the District.

Big Rock - the landmark is up the road away, not really in the neighborhood. Big Rock was a party hot spot by teenagers back in my day of attending school in the District & Terra Linda. Certainly NOT the kind of lasting school name that I would like to see!

LUCAS VALLEY - this is the ONLY name that makes sense to replace the name Dixie! Please name the local elementary school after the geographic name of the neighborhood! This is by far, the clear winner with all of my friends and fellow school mates in the community.

Thank you!



Public Comments <elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org>

Lucas Valley Elementary School

1 message

Laraine Cunha <laraine@cunha.us>

Tue, Jul 2, 2019 at 10:58 PM

To: elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

Dixie School District Board of Trustees,

Please strongly consider Lucas Valley Elementary School as the new name for Dixie School. Lucas Valley feels like a logical choice since many of the schools throughout Marin and beyond are named for the area where they are located.

Thank you,
Laraine Cunha



Dixie School District - Yes to Miller Creek and either Eichler or Lucas Valley Elementary

1 message

Rich Wenzel <rwenzel@gmail.com>

Wed, Jul 3, 2019 at 2:15 PM

To: dnacpetitions@dixieschooldistrict.org, millercreekpetition@dixieschooldistrict.org, elementaryschoolname@dixieschooldistrict.org

Dear Board Trustees,

As I have said before, I would have been in favor of a name change if the process had been open and transparent, based on facts and truly engaged with the community. Since you voted to change the name, in spite of the significant failings of the process, and only to try and stop the ongoing financial damage and division caused by the tactics employed, we must now make the best of the situation that Marnie has forced upon our community.

More than anything else, the naming process is a branding exercise, and one that needs to establish a new identity for our community. That identity must represent us all and belong to us alone. We must love that identity.

The criteria you established were good.

The name should be: Inspirational, lasting, inclusive and local.

1. Deceased individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.
2. Geographical area or geographical features in which district is located.
3. Reflective of the values of our schools/community.

Unfortunately, the naming committee has failed to deliver a single petition with a name that meets these criteria. Even reviewing the broader list suggests the naming committee did not understand the criteria.

Dixie School District - naming committee short list and petitions

Creekside, Laurel Valley, Acorn Mountain, Walnut Oak, Quail Song, Laurel Creek, should all be struck off the list for failing on all criteria. There is nothing inspirational or lasting in any of these names. They are completely bland, meaningless and fail to differentiate our community and school district from thousands of others. They are not names that we can celebrate. If we had the funds to hire a branding consultant and they had the chance to truly poll the community, these names would never have made a shortlist. ***They appear to have only been chosen solely because we cannot fear them. NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!***

Josephine Leary could work, but nobody appears to know who she is and even google searches don't really answer the question clearly. She may be well regarded by some and may have had a role to play in school district history, but who is to say that she didn't harbor unpopular views of some kind that may come to light in the future. Too little is known and she just isn't compelling regardless. **NO!**

Joseph Eichler is potentially a very good choice, particularly given his outstanding contributions to the broader area (it shouldn't matter that he didn't design every house here). His name is known but not overused and he has a very good reputation, particularly as one of the first developers to actively ensure housing was accessible regardless of race or color. Thumbs up! **YES!**

Kenne cannot be pronounced and is meaningless to our community. It might make a few feel like they are at one with the universe, but many others will just remember the sordidness of the last 12 months because the tactics used were patently not about unity, but rather division. **NO!**

Miller Creek petition - YES!

This is the only current petition that meets the criteria. James Miller was a very significant and outstanding local figure, who built the area's first school house and made many other positive contributions. Miller Creek is a unique geographical feature named after him. Perhaps if the scaremongers can accept this it shows some respect for the good this man did for our school district. It may also be a chance to show that they truly want the community to heal and reconcile.

Other considerations should be:

Miwok - historical connection to the region, likely to be received well seeing as they believe the Dixie district was named after their ancestor anyway, and there is a Miwok burial ground under MCMS. Obviously potential issues with cultural appropriation, but this is a recognition, not an appropriation.

Dixie Elementary - Lucas Valley Elementary or Eichler Elementary - YES!

The elementary school (if the district obtains sufficient funding from MCF/Marnie) should be renamed Eichler (Best!) or Lucas Valley (Good) Elementary. They are already established brands for our community and fit perfectly.

This will likely be the most important decision a school board has to make in decades. Please honor to the criteria you established, show strength and leadership and consider making a decision for the betterment of us all.

Sincerely

Rich Wenzel

53 Mt Whitney Dr