

# NAMING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Schools play a critical role in our neighbourhoods and are the hub of our communities. The names given to our schools are significant and require considerable thought and consultation and should reflect the surrounding community's history and/or geographic area.

With a number of projects currently underway, and new schools opening every school year, the district is focused on engaging each school community to gather potential names for the sites and engage the community to gather feedback on the names currently being considered.

The goal is to have a list of names that have been vetted by our communities at the ready, so they can be used as projects are announced.

## NAMES CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED

The School Naming Committee, which includes two elected trustees and the Superintendent, has begun the consultation process by bringing forth five potential names for three sites—all of which will begin construction in the coming year. This list of names may be used for other future sites that are pending construction.

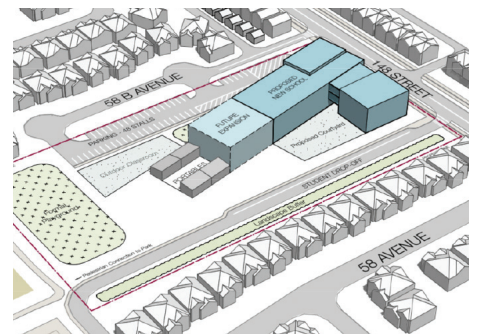
The three sites that require names are:



**Site 208**  
17950 25th Avenue\*



**Site 214**  
17390 20th Avenue\*



**Site 115**  
5855 148th Street\*

The following school names have been brought forward:

#### **NICOMEKL ELEMENTARY**

The Nicomekl River was an early route for settlers that **linked Semiahmoo and Boundary Bays**, running just north of the southern uplands. The Nicomekl was considered **easier to navigate compared to other nearby rivers**, making it an important part of Surrey's history. Site 115 has a clear view of the river.

#### **REDWOOD PARK ELEMENTARY**

Situated on a wooded hill south of 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, **Redwood Park features a variety of exotic trees, particularly evergreens**, planted by **deaf twin brothers David and Peter Brown**, son of early pioneer David Brown. The park includes a three-storey treehouse, reminiscent of the home in which the brothers lived on the park. Site 208 is adjacent to this park.

#### **ARCHIBALD ELEMENTARY**

144<sup>th</sup> Street was **once known as Archibald Road** in Surrey, when a section of it became the homestead of a Mr. Archibald near 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A trail linked the homestead to Yale Road and was later upgraded to a road. As 144<sup>th</sup> Street extends south into White Rock, the connecting road is still known as Archibald Road there. Although it is not on this street, site 115 is in this neighbourhood.

#### **LITTLE CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY**

The Little Campbell River **served as an entrance for pioneers and early settlers** in the mid-to-late 1800s, allowing them to navigate South Surrey in a time before trails and roads. The river is **home to diverse wildlife and plant species**, including five species of Pacific salmon and trout. This river runs near site 214.

#### **KENSINGTON PRAIRIE**

**Originally named by H.T. Thrift to promote settlement in the area**, Kensington Prairie is a rich agricultural area south of the Nicomekl River that stretches to the southern upland and extends east to the New Westminster Southern Railway line. Previously, **Surrey Schools had a Kensington Prairie Elementary** at 168<sup>th</sup> Street and 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, a one-room schoolhouse that opened in 1887 and closed its doors in 2006. Site 208 is in this neighbourhood.

## **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Tell us what you think about the names being considered or share your ideas for school names! We will be engaging staff and the surrounding school communities throughout the month of May 2021 to gather feedback.

To share your thoughts and ideas, send us an email at [comm-office@surreyschools.ca](mailto:comm-office@surreyschools.ca)