



School and Spaces Renaming Proposals

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Proposal: In December of 2021, after several years of conversation/discussion, the McKinley community began the formal process to request a change of name. At the end of the process, based on data collected in phase 1-5, the School Site Council voted to submit Melvin H. King South End Academy as the final nomination.

Why Melvin H. King?

- Lifelong Boston resident
- Graduate of BPS
- Attended school in the building that currently houses the SEA
- BPS Educator
- Lifelong champion of youth
- State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District
- First African American to win Boston Mayoral Primary
- Friend of McKinley: supported the installation of the Fab Lab
- Supported McKinley Youth employment
- Advocate for our program

Phase 1

- Dec 15 Equity Round Table: **Is it Time for a Name Change?**
- Dec 16-23: Staff survey
- Jan 3-12: Student & Parent surveys
- Jan 3-12: Partner survey (*Google Doc*)
- Jan 13: SSC review of data to determine next steps. Data showed desire to rename.
- Result: moved to PHASE 2 (SUP-4)

Phase 2

- Jan 21-Feb 9: Requisition for name nominations

Phase 3

- Mar 10: Notice to all stakeholders & city clerk
- Mar 17: Newspaper
- Mar 22: Public Hearing

Phase 4

- April 2022: SSC Vote

Phase 5

- May 1: Submission to superintendent



Surveys and Community Input

- Families & Community Members - 90% of survey respondents want to modify the current name or change it entirely
- Students - 80% of surveyed students want to change or were neutral about changing the current name
- Staff - 87% of survey respondents want to change or were neutral about changing the current name

On Jan 13, 2022, School Site Council determined the data demonstrated a desire to change the name.

Equity Considerations

Names have meaning: Does the program's current school name:

- Reflect our students and families, and connect with their identities?
- Address racism and close the Opportunity Gap?
- Speak to our school community's values? (Kindness, Safety, Perseverance, Respect and Responsibility)
- Instill pride and appreciation?



Madison Park

Proposal: To change two rooms in Madison Park Technical Vocational High School to honor two former staff members: Charles McAfee and Jose Solis.

Cardinal Hall will be renamed Charles McAfee Hall and Room 7-275 renamed the Jose Solis Student Center.

Charles McAfee

- Served as Head of Schools for Madison Park from 2000 to 2012
- Served the Boston Public Schools for 40 years
- Recipient of the Milken Educator Award in 1999

Jose Solis

- Started his career in Madison Park in 1983 by providing counseling and support to students in a variety of programs
- Served as Student Support Coordinator from 1988 to 2022

Process: This renaming reflects a community process intended to honor both individuals who have made a significant contribution to Madison Park Technical Vocational High School in terms of their personal and professional commitments to the school.

- On February 12, 2022, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School staff voted in favor of honoring the significant contributions of these two staff members, Charles McAfee and Jose Solis.
- On March 29, 2022 the School Site Council unanimously approved the measure.
- A public hearing was convened on April 28, 2022 at Madison Park regarding the proposed naming of Cardinal Hall that was held at the school.
- A second public hearing was held on May 24, 2022 regarding the measure.

Boston Arts Academy

Process: Boston Arts Academy's names reflect a community process intended to honor both individuals who have made a significant contribution to BAA in terms of their personal and professional commitments to the school and an intention to honor individuals' philanthropic contributions.

- A representative group including BAA students, families/caregivers, and community members completed the Racial Equity Planning tool process.
- A public meeting for community members to give their input and ideas was held on October 14, 2021.
- A second public meeting was held on April, 12, 2022.
- A BAA Board of Trustees meeting was held to discuss the names and the feedback from public meetings on May 10, 2022.
- A vote of the Boston Arts Academy Board of Trustees took place at the June, 6, 2022 board meeting.

Space	Name	Recognition/Contribution
BAA Building	The Dr. Elma Lewis Building	Dr. Lewis was a visionary for arts education in Boston, particularly for students of color.
Career Center/Room 103	The Mary and Bob Lentz Career Center	Mary Lentz was a member of the BAA Board of Trustees and the Lentzs are longtime donors to the BAA Foundation..
Library project Classroom	The Martin Richard Foundation Classroom	Martin's commitment to peace became the impetus for the Martin Richard Foundation, founded by parents Denise and Bill in January 2014 is a donor institution.
Scene Shop/Room 131	The Jerry Wheelock and Elizabeth Wood Scene Shop	Jerry was a member of the BAA Foundation Board; Jerry and Elizabeth are longtime donors to BAA and parents of BAA alum, Artemis Wheelock.
Professional gallery	The Sandra and Philip Gordon Gallery	Sandra Gordon was the founding president of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation.
Theatre Studio/Room 212	The Theatre Alumni Honors Studio	The BAA students chose this name in order to honor distinguished alumni.
Theatre Studio/Room 216	The Theatre Teacher Emeritus Studio	The BAA students chose this name to honor distinguished teachers.

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2nd Floor Conference Room	The Dr. M. Lee Pelton Board Room	Dr. Pelton was chair of both of the BAA Board of Trustees and the BAA Foundation board.
Main office	Full Inclusion Fund in Honor of Dr. Anne Rogers Clark and Sean Quinn Curran	Sean Curran was a member of the BAA Foundation board. Anne Clark was a founding teacher and second principal of the school. The fund supports full inclusion at BAA.
Fitness Center	The Lewis Family Fitness Center	Donna Lewis is Vice Chair of the BAA Foundation Board; her husband was Reggie Lewis is a Celtics legend.
Dance Studio/Room 305	The Andrea Herbert Major Dance Studio	Andrea Herbert Major, owner and artistic director is well known throughout Massachusetts and beyond as an accomplished dancer, choreographer and teacher.
Dance Studio/Room 309	The Dance Teacher Emeritus Studio	The BAA students chose this name to honor distinguished teachers.
Dance Studio/Room 308	The Dance Alumni Honors Studio	The BAA students chose this name in order to honor distinguished alumni.
Dance Studio/Room 313	The Eve and Jonathan Rounds Dance Studio	Eve Rounds was a member of both the Board of Trustees and chair of the BAA Foundation board. The Rounds are longtime donors.

Space	Name	Recognition/Contribution
Styling/Design Room/Room 408	The Visual Art and Design Teacher Emeritus Studio	The BAA students chose this name to honor distinguished teachers.
Exhibition Studio/Room 409	The Visual Art and Design Alumni Honors Studio	The BAA students chose this name in order to honor alumni.
Work/Kiln Room/Room 406-B	The Palma Calaluca Webb Kiln Room	Ashley Webb Colliery is a member of the BAA Foundation Board; the Collierys are donors, and the room is named after Ashley's mother.
3D Visual Arts studio/Room 406	The Boger Family Foundation 3D Studio	Joshua S. Boger is an organic chemist and the founder of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated. Amy Boger is a ceramic artist. The Bogers are donors.
The photography studio/Room 415	The Boger Family Foundation Photography Studio	
Pin-Up Gallery/Room 410	The Rockland Trust-Blue Hills Charitable Foundation Pin-Up Gallery	The Rockland Trust-Blue Hills Charitable Foundation is a donor institution.
The Fashion Clothing Construction Lab/Room 416	The Ruth E. Carter Construction Lab	A member of the BAA Foundation board, Ms. Carter was the first African American to win an academy award in the best costume design category.
Health and Wellness Intern Work Space/Room 418-G	The Dana McLean Greeley Room	Dana McLean was a founding supporter of BAA and a peace and justice organizer.

Space	Name	Recognition/Contribution
Large Ensemble Room/Room 509	The Curtis Warner Ensemble Room	J. Curtis Warner Jr. was a founder of BAA and Berklee City Music.
Small Ensemble Room/Room 519	The Music Alumni Honors Ensemble Room	The BAA students chose this name in order to honor alumni.
Choral Room/Room 521	The Juan and Donna Fabish Tapia Choral Room	Juan Tapia and Donna Fabish were founding parents for BAA.
Recording Studio/Room 543-A	The Avid Technology Recording Studio	The Avid Technology company donated all of the equipment in the new recording studio and provides software and professional development. Jeff Rosica, president of Avid Technology, is the chair of the BAA Foundation board.
The Terrace	The Red Sox Foundation Terrace	The Red Sox are a long-standing neighbors, community partners, and donors to BAA.

Mattahunt Community Center

Proposal: Community members in the neighborhood around the Mattahunt Community Center/Mattahunt Elementary School proposed to name the great room on the community center side of the facility after longtime community leader Mrs. Annie Kinkead.

Mrs. Kinkead was a beloved Mattapan resident and neighborhood activist for more than 40 years. She was widely admired for her decades of selfless dedication to improving Mattapan, the neighborhood she and her late husband, Gareth Kinkead, lovingly called “Shangri-La”. Mrs. Kinkead passed away in 2020.

Her many achievements include:

- Leader of the Colorado Street Neighborhood Association, Shangri-La Community Gardens and the Shangri-La Walkers
- Led efforts to ensure Almont park was safe and clean for residents
- Honored as Boston’s 2014 Crime Fighter of the Year on National Night Out
- Member of the Charles Street AME Church
- Member of the Mass Senior Action Council, the Franklin Park/Grove Hall Chapter of #4685 of the AARP and the Freedom House Goldenaires, a local civic organization
- Worked in close partnership in the community with her husband, Gareth

Process: The entire Mattahunt facility is under BPS jurisdiction. Mattahunt school leader Walter Henderson and Alphonso Campbell, Boston Community Hub School Coordinator, managed the public process to name the room in cooperation with the Boston Centers for Youth & Families and the members of the Colorado Street Citizens Group.

- Members of the Colorado Street Citizens Group proposed name change to BCYF and Mattahunt Elementary School leadership
- School Site Council and Parent Site Council approved naming the room for Mrs. Annie Kinhead
- Mattahunt Elementary School leadership held a public meeting (noticed and posted by the City Clerk's Office; advertisement published in the Bay State Banner newspaper)
- Public hearing held November 16. Room naming proposal was unanimously approved
- Proponents seek School Committee approval per the Superintendent's circular