

Recommendation for the Renaming of

Prince Andrew High School

December 2021- May 2022



Purpose:

Our priority and purpose with the renaming of our school is to create an environment of safety and authentic inclusion for every student. This was in response to questions and concerns from the school community about the appropriateness of the name Prince Andrew High School. Our school must feel like a safe place for everybody. (Appendix A - Official announcement on the name change process)

Recommendation Process:

After careful consideration, the School Advisory Council (SAC) voted to form a School Renaming Committee with a mission to develop a new and inclusive identity, where all students, staff and community members feel affirmed and valued. The committee adhered to the HRCE policy *A.001 Naming or Renaming Schools* (Appendix B) to begin a consultation process to determine a new name for the school.

Committee Members:

- Craig Campbell - Principal
- Belinda Oxner - SAC Chair/Community member
- Jason Ralph- Parent/Alumni
- Kelly Cooper - Staff
- Asiah Sparks-Student
- Debbie Felix-Student

Communication Plan – How we engaged the community and shared information

DATE	ITEM
October 2019	We began the process at an SAC meeting discussing concerns surrounding Prince Andrew and how this impacts the school community of Prince Andrew High School.
January 2020	<i>Thought Exchange</i> (https://thoughtexchange.com) was used as a tool to gather input and thoughts from the public and school community regarding a possible name change for Prince Andrew High School.
October 2020	Prince Andrew High School administration presented the results from the <i>Thought Exchange</i> to the SAC.
January 2021	In consultation with the SAC, a decision was made to move forward with the renaming of Prince Andrew High School

April 2021	A letter was sent (see attached letter Appendix C) by then Principal Brad McGowan to the HRCE Regional Executive Director (RED), informing him of the decision to move forward with a name change of Prince Andrew High School with a request to have the process on hold until January of 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions.
October 2021	A SAC meeting discussion, led by Principal Craig Campbell and SAC chair Belinda Oxner, presented the brief history on the name change process to date and confirmed that the school will be moving forward with the renaming process in the near future.
November 2021	A renaming committee was established to work on criteria and a process to share information with the public and gather possible new names from the public and school community.
December 2021	The renaming committee outlined upcoming meeting dates to develop criteria for the renaming as well as a detailed communication plan to obtain possible new names from the public and school community.
January 2022	The renaming committee sent out communication to the school community with information about the name change (Appendix D Letter to Community)
February 2022	A message was sent to the public via school messenger, Twitter and our website with instructions to submit for potential names via the Google Form. The communication indicated a deadline of February 25, 2022 to have all name submissions entered. (Appendix F)
February-March 2022	A total of 391 suggestions were submitted and the form closed on February 25.
March 2022	The school renaming committee met throughout the month and developed a top 5 list of names for a school vote.
April 2022	The top 5 list was shared publicly and the school voted on the top 3 names which are being submitted to the HRCE RED for consideration as the new name for our school (Appendix G).

Our Top 3 final names are as follows:

- 1. Woodlawn High School**
- 2. City of Lakes High School**
- 3. Ponamogoatitjg Academy**

Appendices

Appendix A

Official statement on the PAHS name change

January 2021

Official Statement of the Prince Andrew High School Renaming Committee:

The PAHS School Advisory Council and Renaming Committee, acknowledge that our school must feel safe for everybody. Having it named after a person who is portrayed negatively in the media produces a school climate and culture that is not safe and inclusive for our students. We took great care in researching and discussing the name of our school, listened to different viewpoints and examined it through different lenses and with the help of *Thought Exchange* we engaged all stakeholders in consultation. After analyzing the results and further conversation with our SAC, we ultimately voted to change the name.

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Appendix B

HRCE Naming or Renaming Schools Policy

Criteria: 1.3 The following criteria shall be considered when naming or renaming a school:

1.3.1 Schools may be given a name that reflects the geographic location or the local community in which the school is located;

1.3.2 Schools may be given a name symbolic of the unique program focus of the school in the case of specialized or alternative schools;

1.3.3 Schools may be named after a person;

1.3.3.1 In the event a person's name is forwarded, the Governing Board will request the Superintendent provide a report that will vet this name.

1.3.4 Schools may be given names which reflect the cultural and racial diversity of HRCE;

1.3.5 Possible abbreviations and nicknames associated with proposed names shall be considered in deciding the school name.

Appendix C

Letter from Principal Brad McGowan to HRCE RED, Elwin LeRoux, on decision to change the name of PAHS

April 1, 2021

Regarding possible name change for Prince Andrew High

Dear Elwin

There have been ongoing discussions at our School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings regarding a potential name change for Prince Andrew High School. This is in response to community concerns regarding the appropriateness of the name Prince Andrew High School in light of recent allegations surrounding the school's namesake, Prince Andrew.

Following the discussions, our SAC's position is that they believe the appropriate next step is to have the name of the school changed. While this is the decision, the committee does not feel that it is the best time to continue with next steps in the process while in a pandemic. The committee is requesting a pause with the school naming process until the next school year. We will complete the process and submit our final report by January 2022.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brad McGowan

Principal

Prince Andrew High School

Message to community on the decision to change the name of PAHS

January 18,2022

Dear PA Families:

I am writing to share some exciting news!

After consulting with students, families, staff, alumni, our School Advisory Council (SAC) and our greater school community, we are resuming the process of changing the name of Prince Andrew High School. It is our intention to have a new name officially in place for the start of the 2022-23 school year.

What's in a name?

The name of a school should be reflective of our school community and uphold our values as a safe and inclusive learning space for all. Our hope is to continue to build our identity as a positive, supportive and respectful community, with a name to match. We have heard from many of you who feel the same way. Thank you to those who shared their thoughts. We took great care in reading, analyzing and discussing the many perspectives shared in our *Thought Exchange*. We are excited to take this next step.

What's next?

We have created a 6 person School Renaming Committee that includes student and staff representatives, SAC members and others from the community. In the coming weeks, this committee will invite all community members (with or without direct affiliation to our school) to submit name suggestions. The committee will review and evaluate the submissions and will then forward the top three recommendations to the Halifax Regional Center for Education (HRCE) for final approval. To learn more about the school naming or renaming policy, [click here](#).

We're ready and excited to take this next step. Please stay tuned for more information in the near future. We value your participation in this important process.

With thanks,

Craig Campbell

Principal PAHS

Message to the community on submitting name suggestions

February 2, 2022

Good afternoon, PA families and our greater school community,

On January 18, 2022, we officially announced the plan to change the name of Prince Andrew High School to a name that reflects our school community and upholds our values as a safe and inclusive learning space for all.

We are now reaching out to our school community and the public to invite submissions for the new name of Prince Andrew High School. People can share their submissions with the School Renaming Committee by filling out the google form in the link below.

This form will be open for submissions until 4:00 pm on February 25, 2022. We thank you for your interest in the renaming of our school.

<https://forms.gle/MU9NEEJQrtWCKUQ37>

Thank You
PA Renaming Committee

Proposed names from the public

Suggested Name (Frequency)

PA

A Mi'kmaw word starting with P, plus "Academy." Ponamogoatitjg,
Panuk, Pjila'si...

Alexa McDonough (x6)

All Peoples Academy

Alma Johnston-Tynes High School

Andrew Shiels High School

Asma Academy

Calvin Ruck High School

Calvin Woodrow Ruck Memorial High School

Charles R Saunders High School

Chris Hadfield High School

Churchill High (x2)

City of Lakes Academy

City of Lakes High School (x14)

Commodore High

Commodore High School

Commodore Park High School (x2)

Constable Heidi Stevenson (x4)

Cotta High School

Craig Smith High

Darkside High

Darren Fisher High

Dartmouth East Academy (DEA)

Dartmouth East Education Center

Dartmouth East High

Dartmouth East High School (x3)

Dartmouth East Regional High

Dartmouth High (x2)

Dartmouth Whalers High School

Donald D Skeir High School

Dr Robert Strang High School

Dr. Donald Douglas Skeir High School (x3)

Dr. Elsie Charles Basque

Dr. Stang

East Dartmouth High School

East High

Ebenezer Allen High

Evan Sutherland High School (x3)

G.J. McCarthy High School

Gabriel Sylliboy High School

George Eliot Clark

Gerald McCarthy

Gloria McCluskey High School (x3)

Halman High School

Heidi Stevenson High School (H.S.H.S) (x20)

Heritage Heart Collegiate

Hilltop High school

HRM High

Jason Leblanc High (x2)

Jim Lahey High School

Joel Plaskett High

John Dunsworth High School

Jordan Rushton Academy

Joseph Avolese High School (x2)

Kelly Cooper High School

Kermit the Frog High School

Lake City High school (x24)

Lake High/ team name could be Lakers (historic)

Lakes Academy (x4)

Lee Marion High School

Locust Harbor High School

Mar Mar High School

Maryann Francis High School (x3)

Maxine Tynes Memorial High (x2)

Metropole International Academy

Mineville High School Role Play

Morash Park High School

NBA Youngboy High School

New Horizons High School

New Horizons Woodlawn High School

NW High School or NW Dartmouth High School

P. A. High (x7)

Pacemakers Academy High School

Pacific Academy High School

Panorama High School

Panther Academy (x3)

Paqtaset Academy or Parsons Academy

Paragon Academy

Park Academy

Paths Ahead High School

Patron Academy High

Penhorn Area High School

Penhorn Valley High

Phoenix High School

Pjila'si Academy (PA) (x3)

PO2 Craig Blake Memorial High School

Poggers School

Ponamogoatitjg (x3)

Port Anchor High School

Port Cities Academy

Portland Academy

Pretty Awesome High School

Prince Academy High School

Prince Albert High School

Prince Augustus

Princess Anne High School (x5)

Public Address High School

Queen Elizabeth II School

Rehtaeh Parsons

Repton Academy

Schooley McSchoolface

Stuart McLean (x2)

Sunnyside High School (x2)

Sunset View (x2)

Sutherland Memorial High

Terry Fox Memorial High School

Vince Coleman Memorial High School

Viola Desmond High School (x12)

Wade Smith High School (x2)

Westlawn High School

Westphal High School (x2)

William Hall High School (x2)

William Pearly Oliver

Woodlawn Academy

Woodlawn Community High School

Woodlawn District High

Woodlawn Drive

Woodlawn Heights (x10)

Woodlawn High School (x137)

Woodlawn Road High School (x2)

Woodlawn Secondary School

Yuei Archive (UA high-school) Yuei=hero

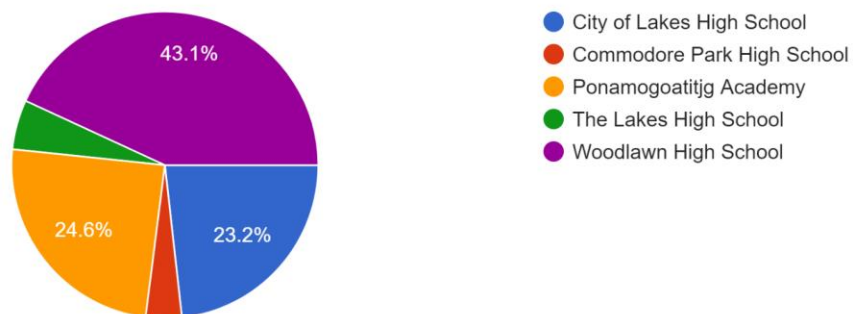
Appendix G

Top 5 list of Names Developed by the Renaming Committee

April 25-26, 2022, Student/Staff Vote Results

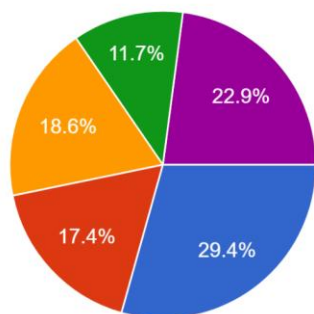
Please select your #1 choice for the new name of our school

422 responses



Please Select your #2 choice for the new name of our school.

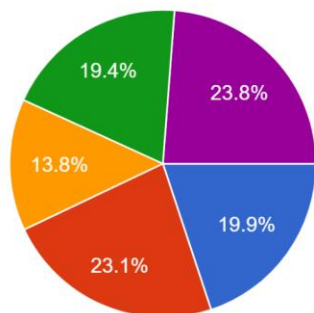
419 responses



- City of Lakes High School
- Commodore Park High School
- Ponamogoatitjg Academy
- The Lakes High School
- Woodlawn High School

Please select your #3 choice for the new name of our school.

412 responses



- City of Lakes High School
- Commodore Park High School
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Name	Meaning	Pronunciation
City of Lakes High School	Officially, there are 23 lakes in the city of Dartmouth. The city of Dartmouth is well known and qualified as Canada’s “City of Lakes”	As it sounds
Commodore Park High School	Commodore Park is a mostly residential neighborhood in the Dartmouth community of the Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia. It is located in the east end of Dartmouth in the Woodlawn area. Prince Andrew High School is located within this area. Commodore Park was established as a subdivision in Dartmouth in the 1950s. Many of	As it sounds

	the streets in Commodore Park were named for Canadian naval ships that were lost during the Second World War.	
Ponamogoatitjg Academy	The original settlement name of the Dartmouth area by the Mi'kmaq people. They referred to it as Ponamogoatitjg (Boonamoogwaddy), which has been varyingly translated as "Tomcod Ground" or "Salmon Place" in reference to the fish which were presumably caught in this part of Halifax Harbor.	(Boo-na-moo-gwadd-e)
The Lakes High School	Officially, there are 23 lakes in the city of Dartmouth. The city of Dartmouth is well known and qualified as Canada's "City of Lakes	As it sounds
Woodlawn High School	Prince Andrew High School currently resides in the geographic location known as Woodlawn, a neighborhood of Dartmouth. Settlement in the Woodlawn area began as early as 1754. The area initially got its name from the Woodlawn Cemetery. Until the 1950s, Woodlawn had mainly been a rural farming community before the general subdivision boom of the late 1940s and 1950s. Our school is located on Woodlawn Rd.	As it sounds