



Facilities Naming and Dedication Committee

Location – Meridian High School / Date – Tuesday 04-18-24 / Time – 5:00 P.M.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

- Bryant Michaelson-AD, class of 2006, kids will be 5th generation
- Randy Kirk- Former bus driver, current idea guy/game worker, longtime booster club president
- Steve Miller- Former AD, coach, current game worker
- Laney Brannen- Not present
- Trisha Richardson- Parent of MP3 student, community member, education background.
- Brooklyn Fuller- Current Student Athlete. Class of 2025

II. PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

Community asking to rename

- Discussed reason for change in name (north gym)
- Talked about idea of Laurel Gym or Trojan Gym - must be a name of a person

III. TOUR OF GYM

- Built in 1990
- Has been called the New Gym and North Gym

IV. HISTORY OF MERIDIAN ATHLETICS

- Male Coaches- None fit the description
- Female Coaches- Diane Axelson, Jen Childress, Jane Jobe
- Notable Community Members- Ron Vekved, Bob Vanderploeg, Steve Miller

V. Decision

The group would like to recommend the North Gym be renamed after the following people in this order:

1. Diane Axelson (former coach and teacher)

2. Jenn Childress (former coach and teacher)

3. Ron Vekved (long time community member and donor)

If the decision to name the gym after Diane Axelson is accepted by the Board, we would recommend the name be "Diane Axelson Court".

Conversation went into design, hoping Diane would be willing to write "Diane Axelson Court" in her cursive handwriting and put it on the gym floor. The group also asked that it be posted on the wall in the gym and possibly on the entrance to the gyms. The group suggested "welcome to the Axe" as a slogan that could be adopted.

Meeting adjourned and no further meeting is needed.