

March 4, 2021

Letter to CBE Board of Trustees:

Dear Chair Marilyn Dennis.

We have recently been made aware of the lobbying of some students and parents who have been advocating for the changing and the renaming of Langevin School.

I was very pleased to see and hear three students from Langevin School speak during the Public Comments portion of the Board of Trustees meeting on February 23, 2021. They were very well spoken and made their position quite clear that the renaming of Langevin School would be in line with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in honouring and respecting our Indigenous peoples.

I don't believe that I need to get into the history and reasons why Hector-Louis Langevin is no longer an appropriate name for one of our CBE schools.

It would have been nice if the CBE had coordinated the renaming of the school with The City of Calgary when they renamed the nearby Langevin Bridge to Reconciliation Bridge just over four years ago as well as with the Federal Government in Ottawa in the renaming of their parliament buildings around the same time.

The CBE may also want to look deeply into the names of other schools like prime minister Sir John A MacDonalld that may be offensive to Indigenous peoples and reinforces racism.

The Council of School Representatives (CSR) met last night and in a vote of 96 per cent, they are in favour, in the Spirit of Reconciliation, to support the renaming of Langevin School as soon as possible. The CBE does have a policy in place for the renaming of schools and should make it a priority and not delay this process any further.

Thank you.

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