ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 501

NAMING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES, ROOMS, OR PROPERTY

BACKGROUND

The District recognizes that names of schools, district facilities, and property are distinctive and reflective of the communities they serve. The name of a school, facility, or property can enhance the sense of ownership and identification that the students, staff, and community members have with it. The District may consider proposals to rename a school or district facility in cases where the existing name is deemed to no longer resonate with the school community and Indigenous Rightsholders or is no longer socially supported.

PROCEDURES

- 1. Naming of New Schools
 - 1.1. The Board approves the names of all schools in the School District.
 - 1.2. School communities or staff members at District facilities who wish to honour an individual for their contributions to the school community must obtain written support from the individual or a family representative if the individual is deceased. The Board of Education will have the final approval of the proposed name and form of recognition.
 - 1.3. A name for a new school should be announced as soon as the construction has been publicly approved.
- 2. Renaming of Existing Schools and Facilities
 - 2.1. An existing school name, or name of a school to be reopened, may be considered if the current name is deemed to no longer be appropriate or no longer serves the needs of the school population or community.
 - 2.2. Historically, existing facilities that were schools were named to honour individuals and their contributions to the history and development of the community.
 - 2.2.1. If such a school is closed and the building repurposed to host a new program or District function, the building will continue to carry the historical name without the "school" designation.
 - 2.2.2. Building signage will be modified so that the name designating the new purpose of the building is prominently displayed, while the historical building name is respectfully displayed in order to retain the historical significance.
 - 2.2.3. The new name that reflects the new program or function of the building will be added.

- 3. Process for Naming and Renaming Schools or Facilities
 - 3.1. The proposal to name or rename a school, part of a school, or District facility is initiated by the school administration, staff or students, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), or District Staff.
 - 3.1.1. It must be thoroughly discussed by each of the above groups prior to formally applying to the District for review by a naming or re-naming committee.
 - 3.2. Upon receipt of the application, the Secretary-Treasurer will convene a committee to review the application and proposal in full. The committee will be comprised of the following members:
 - 1 Secretary Treasurer (Chair)
 - 1 Family of School Lead
 - 1 Trustee (representing the electoral area)
 - 1 Quelmúcw Education Council member
 - 1 Parent Advisory Council member or District Parent Advisory Council member
 - 1 Director of Operations
 - 1 School Principal
 - 1 Community Representative
 - 2 Student Representatives
 - 3.3. The recommendation of the committee will be forwarded to the Board through the Superintendent for approval.
- 4. Process for Naming and Renaming a Location Within a District Building or Grounds
 - 4.1. The proposal to name or rename a location within a school, District facility, or grounds is initiated by the school administration, staff or students, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), or District Staff.
 - 4.1.1. It must be thoroughly discussed by each of the above groups prior to formally applying to the District for review by a naming or renaming committee.
 - 4.1.2. Applications to have a naming or re-naming committee formed will be made by the school principal when it is part of the school and to the Secretary-Treasurer if it is part of a facility.
 - 4.2. Upon receipt of the application, Secretary-Treasurer will convene a committee to review the application and proposal in full. The committee will be comprised of the following members:
 - 1 Principal or Secretary-Treasurer (Chair)
 - 1 Family of School Lead
 - 1 Trustee (representing the electoral area)
 - 1 Quelmúcw Education Council member
 - 1 Parent Advisory Council member or District Parent Advisory Council member

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- 1 Director of Operations
- 1 Community Representative
- 2 Student Representatives
- 4.3. The recommendation of the committee will be forwarded to the Board as an information item.
- 5. The District shall provide a maximum of \$500 towards a plaque or a sign which officially names the location.
 - 5.1. If the cost of the plaque or sign is more than \$500, local funds, not including decentralized school budgets, may be used to cover the additional expense.
- 6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a list of all buildings or locations, in the District, which have been officially named.

References: School Act, ss 22, 65, 74, 85

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