



POLICY 2900

NAMING OR RENAMING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

POLICY

From time to time the Board of Education “Board” may be in a position to name a new school. There may also be times when the Board has reason to consider renaming existing schools, or when representatives of a school community request that the Board dedicate part of a school building or property in memory of a person.

The name of a school, or dedication of a portion thereof, will be decided by the Board following reasonable consultation with members of the school community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Existing schools will not normally be renamed however we must recognize the colonial legacy in the naming of our schools- that a school or school facility may be renamed on this basis.
2. The name of a school will normally be based on geographic or community context and considers the importance of the naming protocols of the Ktunaxa, Secwépemc and Métis.
3. A school will be named in memory of a person only if the Board sees a compelling historically significant reason to do so.
4. In the Board's consideration of naming a school, reasonable consultation should include discussions with student and parent representatives, staff members of the school, members of the local community and, if a name is being considered, members of that person's family if possible.
5. The Board may, upon request, dedicate part of a school or property (e.g., library, gymnasium, field, theatre) in memory of a person or persons who held a significant long-standing connection to that location. A location may be dedicated in memory of more than one person.
6. Naming or dedicating in memory of a person will be based strictly on historical significance or strength of community connections.

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REFERENCES: Reference: Sections 22, 65, 85 School Act

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