

<i>Rainy River District School Board</i>	SECTION 1 <i>Board of Trustees</i>
NAMING AND OPENING OF NEW OR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS	1.51

POLICY

It is the policy of the Rainy River District School Board that the naming of schools be in accordance with the guidelines.

RATIONALE

The name or re-naming of a school is an event which may create high community interest. The name chosen must be done with the recognition of several factors both present and future. A policy statement is required to ensure both community involvement and commitment as well as a fair and reasonable process.

GUIDELINES

- 1.1 To name a new or consolidated school or upon receipt of a formal written request to re-name an existing school, the Director shall establish an Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation to the Board.
- 1.2 The committee shall be composed of the area superintendent, representatives from the school council, school staff and students, Trustees and community members.
- 1.3 Recommendations for the naming of Board property shall be presented to the Board for consideration for: each new school, building or any portion of a building such as a library, auditorium, gymnasium or other significant part of the building, for a site or portion of a site such as an athletic field and, where appropriate, for the renaming of a school, building, or site.
- 1.4 The Board shall ensure that a distinctive and appropriate name is selected when naming and/or renaming Board property and that all legal restrictions and obligations are considered.
- 1.5 The call for community and stakeholder suggestions will typically begin in September or October of the year preceding the opening of the new school. This public solicitation will take not less than 60 days from the call for suggestions.

<p><u>CROSS REFERENCE</u></p>	<p><u>Date Approved</u> December 7, 2004</p> <p><u>Board Motion</u> #101</p> <p><u>Review Prior to</u> 2009</p>	<p><u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u></p>
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