

<i>Rainy River District School Board</i>	SECTION 6 <i>Facilities</i>
FACILITY PARTNERSHIP	6.05

POLICY

The Rainy River District School Board will work with community partners to share facilities to the benefit of the Board, its students and the community, and to optimize the use of the assets owned by the Board.

RATIONALE

The Rainy River District School Board owns and operates educational facilities. The Board may, from time to time, have unused space in one or more facilities and recognizes the need for co-operative use of facilities. The Board realizes that the offering surplus space to partners can strengthen the role of schools in communities, provide a place for programs and facilitate the coordination of, and improve access to, services for students and the wider community.

IMPLEMENTATION

As per Procedure 6.05 Facility Partnership

GUIDELINES

- 1.1 The Board will identify facilities that meet the criteria for potential partnerships annually.
 - a) If the facility is eligible for partnership, the Board must determine if the space is available but not surplus, or the space is surplus to the Board.
 - If the space is available and not surplus, the Board will post information on the space available on the Board website.
 - Entities on the notification list will be notified when information is updated.
 - b) If the space is surplus to the Board, the Board will follow Regulation 444/98 Disposition of Surplus Real Property.

- 1.2 The Board will create a notification list of eligible partners.
 - a) Eligible partnerships are encouraged if they meet the following criteria:
 - The partnership must have value to the student;
 - Health and safety of students must be protected;
 - Partnership must be appropriate for the school setting;
 - Partnerships must not compromise the Board’s student achievement strategy;
 - Partnerships must be in compliance with local by-laws;
 - Partnerships may be profit or non-profit entities;
 - Entities that provide competing education services such as tutoring services, JK-12 private schools or private colleges, and credit offering entities that are not government funded, are not eligible partners.

- b) The notification list will include:
 - Entities listed in Reg. 444/98 Disposition of Surplus Real Property;
 - Childcare operators and government-funded agencies if requested;
 - Any other entities that meet the partnership criteria.
- c) The Board will notify entities about facility partnerships and post the information on the Board website.
- d) The Board will hold a public meeting once/year to discuss potential facility partnerships opportunities with the community and to receive information on the needs of the communities within the Board. Details on the time and location of the meeting will be provided to entities on the notification list and posted on the Board website.
- e) Initial application of interest will be received from the potential/current partner for an eligible property. The Board will determine if the partner meets the eligibility criteria.
- f) The eligible partner will be invited to submit Detailed Project proposal to the Board for review.
- g) The rent and/or fees charged to partners should cover the operations and capital cost, including administrative costs and property taxes (if applicable), to the Board of the space occupied by the partner. Additional costs to perform minor renovations to protect student safety, provide appropriate washrooms, and otherwise make the space suitable for use by the facility partners is to be borne by the partners.
- h) Approved eligible projects will be approved by the Board and may be approved by the Ministry of Education.
- i) All partnerships will be supported with a legal agreement between the Board and the partner.
- j) When the Board is considering building a new school or undertaking a significant renovation, it will notify the entities on the notification list 1 to 3 years prior to the potential construction start date. The Board will provide as much information as possible about its plans and the site to support potential partners in determining the project's suitability for their purposes.

<u>CROSS REFERENCE</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u>
Procedure 6.05 Facility Partnership	June 1, 2010 <u>Board Motion</u> 419 <u>Review Prior to</u> 2016	