

<i>Rainy River District School Board</i>	SECTION 6 <i>Facilities</i>
NAMING A SCHOOL OR PART OF A SCHOOL	6.51

POLICY

The Rainy River District School Board will ensure that an appropriate name, reflective of the Board’s mission, is selected when naming a school or part of a school.

RATIONALE

The Rainy River District School Board regards that a school name or part of a school’s name is an integral aspect of the school’s community.

IMPLEMENTATION

As per guidelines.

GUIDELINES

- 1.0 Process
- 1.1 A formal written request with rationale for the renaming or renaming of a school or part of a school shall be presented to the Board for consideration. If approved, an Ad Hoc Committee shall be established by the Board to make a recommendation to the Board on the name.
- 1.2 The Ad Hoc Committee shall be composed of, a supervisory officer, the school principal(s), two to three representatives from the school council, a school staff representative, a Trustee, a Student Trustee, and up to two community members. In the case of a secondary school, the Committee shall include a student representative. The Supervisory Officer will chair the Committee.
- 1.3 The Committee will meet at least twice, to look at the history, geography and demographics of the new school or the part of a school, to review input from a community and stakeholder survey, and to develop a shortlist of at least two and no more than five potential names.

As well, in choosing a name, the Committee will avoid acronyms and will not consider corporate or product names. The Committee shall ensure that all legal restrictions and obligations are considered.

- 1.4 The Committee will present names based on the following criteria:
 - Reflecting the geography, history, culture, or traditions of the community;
 - Being distinctive from other school names in the Rainy River District School Board;

- Reflecting a positive image of the Board.

Although discouraged, if the Committee recommends a name of a historical person, the person should be renowned for significant contributions to the Rainy River District, or whose contribution to society or humanity is recognized and valued across Canada.

1.5 The decision of the name is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees.

Definition:

A **New School** includes a consolidated school.

Part of a School - a library, auditorium, gymnasium or other significant part of the school such as an athletic field.

<u>CROSS-REFERENCE</u>	<u>Date Approved</u> May 4, 2021 <u>Board Motion</u> 176 <u>Review Prior to</u> 2026	<u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u>
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