

<i><b>Rainy River District School Board</b></i>	<b>SECTION 8</b> <i>Finance</i>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>	<b>8.24</b>

**POLICY**

The Rainy River District School Board will support fundraising to enhance student achievement and well-being.

**RATIONALE**

The Board recognizes the need to provide parameters for raising funds, which are used to support programs and activities that benefit the local school and broader school community.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

As per Procedure 8.24 Fundraising

**GUIDELINES**

**1.0 General Guidelines**

- 1.1 Fundraising shall be consistent with the Rainy River District School Board mission and vision statements and reflect the diversity, values and priorities of the local school community.
- 1.2 Participation in fundraising is voluntary. Individuals should not feel compelled to participate in any fundraising activity, nor should they be subject to penalties, or be denied any benefits, if they choose not to participate.
- 1.3 Fundraising should be limited so as not to overburden the school community. Requests from charitable and community organizations for school support are to be directed to the school principal.
- 1.4 Funds raised for school purposes are to be used to complement, not replace, public funding for education.
- 1.6 Fundraising for the purpose of schoolyard improvements and sporting facilities shall require the prior approval from the Manager of Plant Operations and Maintenance.
- 1.7 The purpose of fundraising shall not result in a significant increase in current or future school or Board operating or capital costs.
- 1.8 Classroom and/or school celebrations for completing a fundraiser are acceptable; however, individual student fundraising incentives (e.g., prizes) are discouraged.

## **2.0 Safety**

- 2.1** The safety of students is a primary consideration in fundraising activities. All fundraising activities require supervision and must be age appropriate.
- 2.2** Permission for fundraising in public places, including door-to-door, must receive prior approval from the principal. Students in Primary and Junior grades shall not canvas door-to-door.
- 2.3** Privacy must be respected. The personal information of staff, students, or other individuals shall not be shared for the purposes of fundraising without prior consent.

## **3.0 Accountability**

- 3.1** Fundraising shall not result in any person, including school board staff, volunteers, or school council members, benefiting materially or financially from the activity.
- 3.2** Fundraising shall have a designated purpose for the proceeds to be used and will define a timeframe for the use of these funds. All fundraising endeavours shall be approved by the principal before going forward.
- 3.3** In the event that the activity associated with the fundraising is cancelled, all funds raised will be held and accounted for at the school. The principal, in consultation with school council, will determine the use of such funds raised.
- 3.4** If crowdfunding is used, the following rules apply whenever a Board employee or other volunteer of the Board seeks gifts and donations through a crowdfunding website intended to benefit students, the school, the Board, or individuals acting in their capacity as Board employees:
  - Prior permission must be granted by the Superintendent of Business.
  - The activity must not conflict with any other fundraising efforts.
  - All donations or gifts received using the Board or school's name, referencing the employee's position with the Board even if the Board is not named or requested on behalf of RRDSB students, specifically or in general, are considered Board property.

### **Definitions:**

Crowdfunding is the process of requesting a specific gift or donation to fund a specific purchase or project, typically through websites or social media designated for this purpose.

<p><u>CROSS REFERENCE</u></p> <p>Policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.67 Equity and Inclusive Education</li> <li>• 2.70 Healthy School Food and Beverage</li> <li>• 3.86, Employee Code of Conduct</li> <li>6.13, Playgrounds, Play Structures, and Sports Fields</li> </ul> <p>Procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.24 Fundraising</li> <li>• 8.25 School Funds</li> </ul>	<p><u>Date Approved</u> May 4, 2021</p> <p><u>Board Motion</u> 177</p> <p><u>Review Prior to</u> 2026</p>	<p><u>LEGAL/MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REFERENCE</u></p> <p>Ministry of Education Fundraising Guideline</p> <p>Ministry of Education Facility Partnerships Guideline</p> <p>Broader Public Sector Procurement Directive</p> <p><i>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</i></p>
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