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Purpose

As per the Syeyutsus Reconciliation Framework, the Board recognizes that naming a school is a respected process critical to creating a sense of community, a sense of belonging and creating an opportunity to honour the land in which it is located. A school name also fosters a unique identity for families, students, and staff.

Policy

The Board is honoured to take responsibility for the naming and renaming of schools, facilities, or parts of schools and facilities (gymnasium, hall, theatre, band room, etc.).

The Board will follow the procedure outlined herein to name or rename school facilities. Syeyutsus Reconciliation Framework will guide and inform the name selection process. To ensure a facility name stands the test of time, it must reflect the spirit and intent of the Board’s commitment to high standards and wellness of the community.

School facility names will be chosen at Board discretion and may honour persons or places of historical or geographical prominence, may represent the intent of the school or may reflect an educational value or interest. However, school facilities will not normally be named after living persons.

Process

1. To determine an appropriate name, the Chair of the Board of Education will appoint an ad-hoc committee (“the Committee”) to recommend at minimum two suitable names for Board consideration.
2. The Committee will follow the Board’s policies with respect to public engagement to seek potential names. In addition, the Committee must consult with:
 - a. Local land based First Nations;
 - b. Local representatives of off-reserve First Nation Peoples, Metis, and Inuit Peoples;
 - c. Impacted local municipalities and/or regional districts;
 - d. Students and staff of the impacted community;
 - e. Local community impacted by the decision; and
 - f. The broader community.

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3. When the facility is to be named after a person, the Committee, wherever possible, should seek the consent of:
 - a. Family members or the closest surviving relative of the person for whom the facility is to be named; or
 - b. In the case where the individual is living, that individual.
4. The Board may name or co-name a facility to reflect the language of the land, Hul'q'umi'num. For consideration of any Hul'q'umi'num name, the local land based First Nation must consent and the name must be gifted to the District to ensure consistent future use.
5. Name selection must occur at a public meeting of the Board of Education. The Board will seek public feedback on preferred facility name for a period of at least 30 days before final approval of the school name.

Renaming

In addition to the above process, the following will also apply when considering the renaming of school facilities:

1. The Board will consider the renaming of a facility or part of a facility in limited circumstances that may include:
 - a. Where a local municipality or regional district renames a geographic reference associated with the school; or
 - b. Where the name of the facility or part of the facility does not align with Board policies; or
 - c. Where the Board receives a request from the community that aligns with the Board's naming policy.
2. Where the Board considers renaming a school or facility, they will receive a report regarding any potential cost implications for consideration in their decision-making process.

Legal References:

Monitoring Method:	<i>Board of Education / Superintendent</i>
Monitoring Frequency:	<i>Triennial</i>
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