

DIVISION: BOARD**POLICY #: GOV-103****POLICY NAME**

THE NAMING AND RE-NAMING OF SCHOOLS

POLICY STATEMENT

The Board maintains the general right and responsibility to name, re-name and dedicate all schools in the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (the “District”).

BACKGROUND

The Board has legislative authority to administer primary, elementary and secondary educational services through schools across the Province. From time to time, new schools are constructed and existing schools are re-organized. It is necessary to confirm a name for new schools and it may also be proposed by members of a school community or the District that the name of an existing school be changed. This Policy addresses the process for naming a new school or changing the name of an existing school.

The Board is subject to the Agreements dated May 2000 between the predecessors to the Board and the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. John’s, Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Grand Falls, Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of St. George’s, and Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Labrador (collectively the “Corporation”) pursuant to Section 84 of the Act (the “RCEC Section 84 Agreement”). The RCEC Section 84 Agreement states:

5.2 *The Corporation may require the Board to discontinue and remove the name of any school used prior to the Act coming into effect, providing such notice is effective only on commencement of a new school year.*

The Board is also subject to the Agreements dated March 16, 2004 between the predecessors to the Board and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland pursuant to Section 84 of the Act (the “PAON Section 84 Agreement”). The PAON Section 84 Agreement states:

5.2 *The Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland may require the Board to discontinue and remove the name of any school used prior to the Act coming into effect, providing such notice is effective only on commencement of a new school year.*

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SCOPE

This Policy applies to all schools in the District.

DEFINITIONS

N/A

POLICY DIRECTIVES

1. The Board shall approve by way of motion the naming or the changing of names of schools.
2. The naming of schools shall be undertaken following consultation with the school community.
3. The Director of Education shall establish a process to invite members of a school community to submit suggestions for the naming of a school.
4. The Board shall determine whether a consultation process is necessary for the re-naming of a school, taking into consideration whether a substantial name change is proposed or if the name is being revised to reflect current configurations (e.g. changing the name from primary to elementary).
5. The Board will give preference to the following criteria when considering a name for a school:
 - 5.1 The historical or current name of the community or local area in which the school is located.
 - 5.2 Historical or geographical features of the community or local area in which the school is located.
 - 5.3 The names of persons who have made outstanding contributions to Newfoundland and Labrador and/or Canada, or who otherwise have significant meaning to the members of the school community.
6. The Board will comply with any directive of the Corporation or Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland to discontinue and remove the name of any school in the District in accordance with Clause 5.2 of the Section 84 Agreement and this Policy.

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- 6.1 The Board will consider any request of any other denominational authority or School Council to discontinue and remove the name of any school in the District in accordance with this Policy.
- 6.2 Removal will generally be effected prior to or at the end of the school year in which the request was received. The Board will not have any obligation to remove a name where, by the manner of attachment, it is in the nature of a fixture and removal would result in damage to the school requiring significant repair.

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