

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING ACTION SHEET

DATE: June 23, 2021
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Charlene McKay, Board Chair and Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Naming of School Facilities or Parts of Facilities

Recommendation

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) delete Administrative Procedure 502 – Naming of School Facilities and adopt draft Policy – Naming of School Facilities or Parts of Facilities.

Background

On April 28, 2021, the Board passed the following motion with respect to the proposed naming policy:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) delete Administrative Procedure 502 – Naming of School Facilities and create a Policy in its place and that the draft Policy – Naming of School Facilities or Parts of Facilities circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.7.

The Policy has been out for feedback for the required amount of time. The Policy Committee has reviewed the feedback and is only suggesting minor changes.

Discussion

The feedback for the Policy is attached to this Action Sheet. Following the feedback, the Committee is not suggesting any major changes with the exception of edits that provide clarification in response to questions raised in the feedback. Those changes are also attached. We note that there are a few outstanding issues that have been raised including how French Immersion is impacted by the Policy and how does the Policy impact memorial benches and trees with names on them. Staff have indicated that they will provide an administrative procedure at a later date addressing these issues that is aligned with the Policy.

The Committee would also like to reaffirm that Hul'q'umi'num is the language of the land and are proud that this statement is incorporated directly into our Policy and look forward to the implications on our facilities over the coming years.

Appendix A: Draft Policy – Naming of School Facilities or Parts of Facilities

Appendix B: Consultation Feedback