



Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

Policy Statement

Policy Name: Naming/Renaming and Opening Ceremonies of Schools and Board Facilities **Policy Code: BA-6.1**

Section: Business and Administrative Services

Established: April 29, 1999

Revised or

Reviewed: October 27, 2005; October 29, 2009; April 16, 2014; April 25, 2019;
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1. Policy Statement

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board recognizes that schools and Board facilities are an integral part of the community in which they are situated and serve.

The Board will conduct official opening ceremonies for new or expanded schools, and the naming or renaming of any new or existing school will involve consultation with students, staff, families, local communities, and partners, as decided by the Board of Trustees.

2. Objective

This policy will establish the parameters for opening ceremonies appropriate to the completion of a new school or an addition to an existing school and the naming and renaming of schools and Board facilities. This policy will ensure clarity, fairness and transparency regarding the process of naming and renaming through consultation.

3. Definitions

Ad Hoc Committee
KPR or KPRDSB.

Board of Trustees
The elected governance branch of the Board.

Consultation

A process of seeking guidance, information, and opinions from stakeholders, including students, staff, families, local communities, and partners, to inform decision-making by the Board of Trustees.

Cornerstone

An essential design feature that marks the start of the school or facility's opening.

Facility

A building that is owned by KPR but is not functioning as a school.

Opening Ceremony

An event that marks the official commencement or inauguration of a school or facility. This event typically includes speeches, the presence of dignitaries, and various ceremonial activities to celebrate the opening.

Policy

A statement of intent, governing principle or end result, adopted by the Board of Trustees in open public session; it is intended to articulate what must be done, the rationale for it and a framework for the system.

School

A place of teaching and learning for KPR students.

School Plaque

A school plaque is a commemorative or informative sign typically mounted on a wall within a school building or facility. It serves to recognize significant events, achievements, or individuals associated with the school or facility, such as the opening of a new building.

4.

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7. Related Policies, Administrative Regulations or Procedural Documents

Board Policies:

[B-3.2, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#)

[B-3.3, Human Rights: Code-Based Discrimination and Harassment](#)

Administrative Regulations:

[B-3.3.1, Human Rights: Code-Based Discrimination and Harassment](#)

[BA-6.1.1, Naming/Renaming and Opening Ceremonies of Schools and Board Facilities](#)

BA-6.1.1A, Naming/Renaming and Opening Ceremonies of Schools and Board Facilities: Appendix A: Principal's Sample Ceremony Checklist (to be linked)

Other:

[KPR Mission, Vision and Values](#)

[KPR Strategic Plan](#)

8. Reference Documents

Legislation:

[Education Act](#)