

Fort McMurray Catholic Schools Operating Policies and Procedures

OP 604 – Child Care Services: Outcomes for Community

Policy

The Catholic Board of Education recognizes that:

- a. high quality child care programs engage in positive relationships with community organizations and involve their community partners and stakeholders in program evaluation processes;
- b. the well-being of children and families is strengthened when these partnerships extend to related human service providers in the community, including other professional supports, and
- c. child care programs are able to best meet the diverse needs of the children and families they serve when it establishes positive and collaborative relationships with the existing community partners and agencies

Procedures and Directives

The Deputy-Superintendent shall ensure that Fort McMurray Catholic School Child care programs collaborate with community organizations and services to respond to the needs of children and families they serve.

Through existing resources available both at the Catholic Education Centre and in Catholic school, Child Care programs shall:

- a. be responsive to the diverse needs of the children and families they serve by
 - i. Maintaining a collection of information on resources and services for children and families;
 - ii. Assisting families in dealing with the barriers to access community resources and services;
 - iii. Responding to community complaints and concerns.
 - iv. Inviting community stakeholders or agency representatives to provide support to the child care program.

- b. establish working relationships with organizations and services within the community by:
- i. Establishing and maintaining relationships with community organizations and professional groups that support families and their children;
 - ii. Collaborating with community agencies to create partnerships that support children and families.
 - iii. Using community resources to meet the needs of children and families it serves.

The Catholic Board of Education and the Superintendent will include Child Care Services as part of discussions with community stakeholders and other consultative bodies.

References:

- Alberta School Act, Paragraph 22
- Board Governance Policy 10 – Board Linkage with Catholic Faith Community
- Board Governance Policy 11 – Board Linkage with Other Organization
- Board Governance Policy 12 – Board Planning Cycle and Agenda Control
- Board Governance Policy 13 – Policy Development Process
- Board Governance Policy 15 – Public Access to the Board
- Executive Limitation 12 – Public Image
- Executive Limitation 13 – Information Management
- Executive Limitation 14 – Partnerships
- Executive Limitation 16 – School Councils

Cross References:

- OP 135 – Public Concerns and Complaints
- OP 137 – School Councils

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