
NAMING OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS

Background

The Board is committed to ensuring that names selected for its new schools reflect appropriate models, readily identifiable with the Catholic faith or the history of the District. The lives of saints and Catholic historical figures selected as patrons of new schools and District buildings are to reflect a commitment to gospel values, exemplary service to others and willingness to journey in faith with God, through Christ, in the Spirit.

The selection process for a new school or building name is one of the initial steps to building community among the individuals who will learn and work together in the new building. The process is intended to encourage involvement of a wide range of interested parties: parents, District personnel, trustees and parishioners

Specifically

1. Delegation

- 1.1 The Board shall inform the community of the approval by the minister of a new school and the process that is followed in selecting a name for the new school.
- 1.2 The Superintendent shall maintain a master list of potential Saints' names, including brief biographies, considered to be appropriate names for schools. The list includes Saints and prominent Catholic figures.
- 1.3 The Board delegates to the Superintendent (AP 541), the responsibility to form a School Naming Committee to make recommendations to the Board regarding the naming of a particular new school or new building.

2. Decision Making

- 2.1 Following a recommendation to the Board by the School Naming Committee the Board shall place the topic of new school naming on the appropriate Board meeting agenda.
- 2.2 The Board shall make a selection and inform the public and Bishop of the name selected.