

## **POLICY 791: Naming / Re-Naming of Schools & Facilities**

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) recognizes that District facilities are an integral part of the community in which they are situated, and acknowledges the importance of naming schools and other facilities to enhance the sense of ownership and identification the community has with its school. The Board believes that the naming of schools, specific parts of schools, and other District facilities should be undertaken following broad-based consultation.

### **Guiding Principles**

The following are guiding principles for persons wishing to propose the naming or re-naming of district facilities:

1. School district facilities will not be named after living or deceased persons.
2. Existing and rebuilt school facilities/parts of facilities will not be re-named except in exceptional circumstances.
3. Proposals to re-name a school or other District facility will be considered only in cases where the existing name is deemed to no longer be serving the needs of the school population or the community. For example, when the name of a facility becomes offensive or controversial to society.
4. In all cases, the final decision on naming or re-naming any Board-owned facility or part of a facility, will be made by the Board.