



## **POLICY 4.4 DONATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

The Board of Education believes that public education should be funded from Provincial Government grants. However, in order to provide enhanced or enriched educational opportunities for students and/or develop positive relationships with the community the Board may seek or accept external funding through donations or partnerships.

The District is a recognized charitable organization under the Income Tax Act, and as such is prepared to accept donations from donors or foundations.

The Board is also willing to consider partnerships with private or public sector enterprises within the provisions of the policy.

### **1. Definitions**

#### **1.1. Donations/Donors**

- 1.1.1.** Individuals, groups or foundations that make donations of goods, services, or cash to the district.
- 1.1.2.** A donation may qualify for a tax receipt. Donations may be made for specific purposes.

#### **1.2. Partnerships -Partners**

- 1.2.1.** A partnership is formed through an agreement between the Board and an individual, group, or business intended to generate revenue for, or provide goods and services to the District.

#### **1.3. Business**

- 1.3.1.** A person, partnership, or corporation engaged in commerce, manufacturing, or a service; a profit-seeking enterprise.

### **2. Guiding Principles**

#### **2.1. The following guiding principles will govern the acceptance of donations or entering into partnerships:**

- 2.1.1.** must align with the Board's Mission, Vision and Values.
- 2.1.2.** must not impair the rights of the Board and educational professionals in the district to determine the nature of the educational program to be offered to students, or the way in which it is delivered.
- 2.1.3.** must not result in an opportunity for the Province to reduce operating or special purpose grants.
- 2.1.4.** must not involve the district in anything that would, in the opinion of the Board, appear to be taking an inappropriate stand on a contentious political, moral, or social issue.



- 2.1.5. must not require students to observe, listen to, or read commercial advertising.
3. Agreements:
  - 3.1. to provide educational resources must not limit or require teachers to use these resources in their classes.
  - 3.2. that provide external funding through donations or partnerships will include a specific expiry date.
4. Recognition of the donor, partner or business
  - 4.1. may be published on a website, in program information or in a newsletter.
  - 4.2. Any request for ongoing recognition or advertising must be approved by the Board.
  - 4.3. will take into account students' ages and their vulnerability to commercial values and messages, in accordance with district standards
  - 4.4. Businesses may only have a visible presence in a school upon approval of the Board according to the provisions of this policy.
  - 4.5. Business donors t may have their donation is recognized in accordance with this policy.
5. Individuals or businesses must satisfy all equity considerations, and safety, health and environmental regulations related to their form of business.
6. Trustees will not participate in lobbying, acceptance of gifts or individual meetings with potential donors, businesses or partners.
  - 6.1. Any attempt to lobby, gift or meet with any individual board member is a breach of the Trustee Code of Conduct.