

PLAQUES FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES/GROUNDS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the expected procedure and protocol of the North Kingstown School Committee in regards to the erecting a plaque or other item/structure on buildings, grounds or any components of any and all premises which fall under the legal jurisdiction, control and responsibility of the North Kingstown School Department. This policy is not intended to supersede the authority of the North Kingstown Town Council to name schools.

PHILOSOPHY:

The North Kingstown School Committee recognizes the seriousness of the matter of selecting the naming of the various school facilities, placement of plaques and components thereof. In appreciation of this responsibility, the Committee seeks to assure that proper and dignified consideration is given in each and every case of a need for, or the suggestion of the naming of a school area, a specific component therein, or a segment of its grounds, and respectfully sets forth this policy to meet the request.

POLICY STIPULATION:

Properties governed by the North Kingstown School Committee have facilities, including playgrounds, libraries, gymnasiums, and classrooms named in honor of individuals, historical events, geographical points or other means suitable for public schools. It is the intent of the School Committee that this practice be continued and that in so doing, sets forth this policy statement to insure future naming of school properties occurs accordingly.

POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The naming, or renaming of school facilities shall be selected and designated as an outcome of the following avenues of consideration:
 - a. Consideration may be given to the name(s) of a member of the community who is rightfully considered for their significant contribution to the nature or purpose surrounding the facility and/or its function within the School District. It is generally expected that the selection of such a person would occur sometime following their passing. The occurrence of same to be no earlier than the first anniversary of their death.

- b. Consideration to the utilization of names reflective of historical events, geographical points or other meaningful names should be considered based on appropriateness to the community and the location, function and other existing names surrounding the specific property functions under the control and jurisdiction of the School Committee.
2. On the occasion when the School Committee deems it desirable, necessary and/or appropriate to announce its intent to name a specific segment of its property, it shall be so posted properly on a School Committee agenda.

Any and all suggestions for such naming of a school premises shall be submitted by a School Committee Member, following which, a public discussion shall be conducted within a period of ninety (90) days. Said petition(s) shall contain the justification or suitability for the request contained in said petition, including the particular facility, property or space that is proposed to be so named or have a plaque. The cost of such a commemoration should be borne by the group which made the proposal.

If the School Committee approves of such a plaque or commemoration, all specifications for size, shape & materials as well as how the plaque is fastened, are all subject to review and approval by Superintendent prior to installation.

3. The School Committee may consider these petitions under the normal procedures, rules and regulations applicable to the conduct of their regular meetings.

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