

FACILITIES

Policy 703.3 (previously Policy 903.3)

Building and Grounds Security

The Board, recognizing the significant investment in buildings, grounds, supplies and equipment, has a responsibility to protect these investments by ensuring school buildings and grounds are adequately secured.

Furthermore, the Board, in order to ensure the protection of students and staff and the maintenance of order within its jurisdiction (District buildings and grounds) authorizes all school administrators, in accordance with the provisions of the School Act, to take any action they deem advisable for the maintenance of order and the protection of students and staff.

Specifically, school administrators may have individuals removed from the Board's jurisdiction if in the opinion of the school administrator the conduct and behaviour of the individual(s) is detrimental to the wellbeing of the students. This could include person or persons on school grounds or in school buildings for purposes other than authorized school business, person or persons distributing material published by any organization which is not authorized or required in furtherance of the objectives of the school. This shall include exclusion of people and materials from school grounds or school buildings that produce and promote hate.

Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order

The Board authorizes all school administrators, teachers, custodial staff and others in its employ to make such directions and to follow such courses of action as deemed appropriate for the protection of students and the maintenance of order, and the Board declares that this resolution constitutes an authorization pursuant to the School Act.

The order of authority under this authorization is as follows:

- i) school principal; and in the event of their absence,
- ii) school vice-principal; and in the event of their absence,
- iii) teacher; and in the event of their absence,
- iv) custodial staff and others in the Board's employ.

Access to Buildings

The Board directs the School Administrators and Site Managers to implement procedures designed to safeguard against unauthorized access to buildings, and to ensure that adequate key and proximity card control is exercised so that only those persons who must have access to buildings (for reasons of work or emergency intervention) possess keys and/or proximity cards and are accountable for their use.

Fencing

The fencing of school sites shall be a site specific decision made by District staff either at the time a new school is built, or at such time as conditions warrant the installation of perimeter fencing, subject to the availability of funding.

The Board supports the "good neighbour" philosophy of encouraging the construction and sharing the cost of suitable fencing on the boundaries between its various properties and those of its neighbours.

References: Section 177 School Act