

Section F (NELP 1) LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

Policy: Community Consultation

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Next Review: August 2027

Reviewers: Principal, Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Goal

Consultation is a continuous, long-term process which aims to establish a genuine level of communication between the school and the community and a mutual sharing of viewpoints on a two-way basis. Consultation should be recognized as one level of collaboration.

Objectives

1. To enhance learning by establishing a responsive and effective partnership with the school's community.
2. To establish appropriate processes and strategies which recognize the nature of the community.
3. To develop a workable school-community partnership in which the collaborative process is carefully planned, managed and built into the practices of school development.

Guidelines

1. A welcoming school atmosphere, acknowledging the value of parent support and partnership should be developed.
2. In sharing information and decision-making with the school community, the following are important:
 - promoting shared understanding of opportunities for the purpose of collaboration
 - using simple (jargon-free) language
 - planning and budgeting for the process of collaboration
 - allowing room for community initiatives
 - being prepared to trial new strategies
3. Consideration should be given to using culturally appropriate styles and venues in the local community (outside the school) including meeting with parents, e.g. hui and fono.
4. Collaboration must be viewed as a cyclic, on-going process. Plans for community partnership should be designed to be realistic, workable, appropriate, flexible and far-reaching.
5. A regular survey of community voice will be carried out.

Chairperson

Principal

Date