



SD #10 (Arrow Lakes) District Protocol

Community Use of School and District Facilities

Overview:

Although the prime function of school district facilities and buildings is to support student learning, the Board of Education is committed to making our facilities accessible to the community when possible. Shared Use agreements, short-term rentals or no-cost use of school facilities are therefore supported with the underlying premise that these arrangements always consider that students are at the centre of all we do in SD 10.

Approval for Short Term Use of School Facilities

1. Groups interested in using a school for the purpose of meetings or activities must fill in a "School Use Agreement" form at the school.
2. The school's Principal does the initial approval for short term or single community use of their school facilities on the Use of School Facilities form.
3. The Superintendent/Secretary-Treasurer does the final approval on all Use of School Facilities forms.
4. Supervision of students, parents, and community members using school facilities is the responsibility of the school Principal.

Fee Rental

5. A modest short term rental fee of *\$15/hour or \$100 per day* for individuals or for-profit organizations is to be charged, while non-profit groups are exempt from useage fees.
6. These fees help offset additional custodial and maintenance costs in our schools due to community use.
7. The Principal is responsible for collecting fees in cash or cheque for rental of school facilities.
8. Fees are to be forwarded to the district Director of Finance for deposit.
9. Fees collected are deposited to the district account and are shown in the district budget.

Liability Insurance Coverage

10. All staff, parents and students are covered for liability by the School Protection Program should an accident or injury occur on school facilities or on school-related business.
11. Other community groups must have their own liability insurance while using school facilities, as they are not covered by the SPP insurance.
12. Groups or individuals without liability insurance use the school facilities at their own risk.

Custodians, Unlocking of Doors

13. All community school use activities are communicated to the school's custodial staff, who act on behalf of the principal after school hours to admit groups to the building and ensure that the building is secured afterwards.
14. A half hour before the use of the school, the custodian will unlock the main access door in the school to allow entrance. After the activity is completed, the doors will. At the end of the event, doors will be locked and secured.

Shared Use Agreements

15. Certain community groups have entered into shared use or partnership agreements with the school district in use of school facilities. Fees or in-kind contributions are specified in each individual shared use agreement.
16. Additional fees for school use are generally not charged given that there is already contribution, with the exception of additional custodial costs incurred on weekends or school holidays, or use that expands the regular custodial workload.
17. Use of school facilities forms are required for the community organization's use of school property to assist in school scheduling and custodial communication in those schools with full time student attendance.