



KAWARTHA PINE RIDGE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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2.2 The principal shall include the finalized dress code expectations as part of Section 5 of the Board's Code of Conduct for Students and any definitions of terms required for clarity.

3. School Uniform Selection

3.1 When students, parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or staff express significant interest for further study into the possibility of a dress code which includes a type of school uniform, the school council, in consultation with the principal, will determine if the interest meets the threshold set out in Item 1.2 above.

3.2 If the requests to have a further study into a type of school uniform exceeds the threshold established in Item 1.2 above, the school council, in consultation with the principal, will determine the interest in a type of school uniform with all students, parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or staff in the school community. Methods to determine the extent of the school community interest may include:

3.2.1 surveys

3.2.2 discussion forums and/or

3.2.3 focus groups

3.3 Based on the interest response of the school community, including students, the school council, in consultation with the principal, will determine whether to continue with the feasibility study.

3.4 When the school council and the principal elect to continue with the feasibility study, they shall develop the following in consultation with students and staff:

3.4.1 type of school uniform based on survey information;

3.4.2 exemption procedures for students who, for appropriate reasons (e.g. culture, religion, disability, etc.), request a modification to the school uniform, or exemption from wearing it entirely;

3.4.3 options to provide financial assistance for students for whom uniform costs may be prohibitive (e.g. school fund, fund set up for school uniform sales, deferred payment plans, etc.); and

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3.4.4 expectations for student compliance with the dress code with school uniforms.

3.5 The principal, with support of the school council, shall take the information prepared on a dress code with school uniforms and conduct a final survey/vote of students and parent(s)/guardian(s) and include expectations and consequences for compliance, exemptions, and financial support options.

3.6 Eighty-five per cent of the eligible parent(s)/guardian(s) and adult students of the school community will constitute a majority decision. This majority must support the option of a dress code with school uniforms in order for school uniforms to be implemented.

One vote per family unit will be permitted where one family unit includes all siblings (and step siblings) attending the same school.

Adult students (eighteen years of age) and students sixteen years of age or older, who are living independently, will be permitted their own vote. When an adult student resides at home with a younger sibling in the same secondary school, the adult student will receive a vote in addition to the family unit vote.

3.7 The principal shall communicate the final decision to the students, parent(s)/guardian(s) and staff of the school community and if the majority decide in favour of a dress code with school uniform, the communication will include the date of implementation.

3.8 The principal shall include the decisions regarding the dress code with school uniform in Section 5 of the Board's Manual (1997-98) - 3 (1) - between years of age of 16 and 18.

