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POLICY TITLE

Display of Flags on Board Property

1.0 PURPOSE

The Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board is committed to openly demonstrating respect for the flag and country by flying the National Flag of Canada at all schools and at the Catholic Education Centre. This policy provides guidance regarding the display of the National Flag of Canada and other flags.

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board to use proper etiquette for the display of Canadian, provincial, municipal, and other special purpose flags on Board property.

3.0 GUIDELINES

- 3.1 Flags shall be treated with dignity and respect, and flown or displayed properly.
- 3.2 A Board facility shall display the National Flag of Canada on an external flag pole.
- 3.3 When possible, the flag is flown daily from sunrise to sunset at all federal government buildings, airports, and military bases and establishments within and outside Canada. It is not contrary to etiquette to have the flag flying at night.

- 3.4 Each Board facility shall display inside the school or Board facility the National Flag of Canada, the Provincial Flag of Ontario and the Vatican (Papal) Flag.
- 3.5 The Board facility may display local municipal flags or special purpose flags, provided such flags meet acceptable community standards and school/office protocol.
- 3.6 Flags of other nations, political parties or organizations, and religious societies, other than Roman Catholic based, or flags espousing political or religious causes, other than Roman Catholic based, shall not be displayed on Board property.
- 3.7 A classroom project or extra-curricular or community use of schools activity may display, inside the school or Catholic Education Centre, a special purpose flag, upon the approval of the Director of Education, in matters relating to the Catholic Education Centre, the principal regarding schools, and the Superintendent of Business and Finance regarding the community use of school facilities.
- 3.8 The display of special purpose flags does not imply Board or school support of any political or religious group or activity.

4.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

4.1 BOARD FACILITIES

Board facilities refers to any school or the Catholic Education Centre.

4.2 HALF-STAFF

- (a) The pole upon which the flag is mounted is referred to as a “staff”. Flags are flown at the “half-staff” position as a sign of mourning. The flag is brought to the half-staff position by first raising it to the top of the staff, then immediately lowering it slowly to a position half way between the ground and the top of the staff.
- (b) The position of the flag when flying at half-staff will depend on the size of the flag and the length of the flagstaff. It must be lowered at least to a position recognizably half-staff to avoid the appearance of a flag which has accidentally fallen away from the top of the mast, owing to a loose flag rope.

4.3 DEATH

Death may be taken to include the day of death and up to and including the day of the funeral.

5.0 REFERENCES/RELATED DOCUMENTS

The Education Act, Regulation 298, R.S.O. 1990, am. O. Reg. 95/96
Canadian Flag Protocol, Canadian Heritage
Vatican Flag Protocol

6.0 RELATED POLICIES

Policy 101, Community Use of Board Facilities

7.0 RELATED FORMS

Community Use of Board Facilities Form

Plant 1, General Application for Permit Form

8.0 APPROVED BY BOARD

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9.0 EFFECTIVE DATE

November 23, 2010

10.0 POLICY REVIEW DATE

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11.0 REVIEW BY

Communication Services