AP 314 – SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS

BACKGROUND

School Safety Patrols operate in accordance with these procedures.

PROCEDURES

1. School safety patrols shall be the responsibility of the Principal.

2. In the event that a concern for the need of a safety patrol should arise from the school community or the school staff, the procedures stated below shall be followed:

   2.1. The Principal will confer with the Saskatoon Police Service and the City Engineering Department whether, in their opinion, the amount of traffic, or any peculiar needs of the intersection warrant the establishment of a safety patrol. The Principal will present a summary of these findings to the Superintendent of Education who is responsible for safety patrols. If the investigation does not recommend the establishment of a safety patrol at this time, the Principal shall report this finding to the stakeholder(s) who shared this safety concern and to the Superintendent of Education.

   2.2. When the investigation supports the need for a safety patrol, and the Principal concurs with the possible need for a safety patrol, he/she should apply to the Superintendent of Education responsible for safety patrols. The application should specify the following details:

      - location(s) where the patrol is to operate.
      - type of patrol required (student and/or adult).
      - times of day that the patrol needs to operate.
      - tentative starting date, should approval be given.
      - staff leadership contact information

      (Due to the number of procedures listed below, ample time will need to be given from the time of application to the tentative starting starting date.)

   2.3. The Superintendent of Education responsible for safety patrols will ask the Saskatoon Police Service or the City Engineering Department for any input which they feel is necessary for a decision on the application. The Saskatoon Police Service has committed to being available to offer support to staff assuming responsibility for the safety patrol.

   2.4. The Superintendent of Education responsible for safety patrols will, in consultation with the Principal, decide on the disposition of the application.

3. When establishing a safety patrol, the following procedures will apply:

   3.1. The Principal assumes responsibility for publicizing and explaining the patrol to the parents of the school community.

   3.2. The Principal, in consultation with the school staff, shall select a school staff member who will be responsible for the supervision and general conduct of the patrol.
3.3. The Principal shall obtain the necessary parental/guardian permission, in writing, for students who are to become patrol members.

4. The staff member responsible for the safety patrol must participate in training provided by the Saskatoon Police Service School Resource Officers. Staff then provide a training program for students who have been selected from grades 5 and upward. Only those students, who meet the training standards established by the School Resource Officers, shall be accepted as active members of the safety patrol.

Reference: Section 188(4), Education Act
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