



POLICY SECTION 217: Community Participation at Board Meetings

POLICY

The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education believes that community participation in education strengthens and enhances the educational programs and services made available to students. The Board invites and welcomes the community to attend its meetings and to make representation to the Board on matters of mutual or individual concern. As a courtesy to individuals or groups making presentations to the Board, a specific time will be set.

GUIDELINES

In order to facilitate the community's access to the Board, meetings of the Board of Education, subject to the provisions in Board policy, shall be open to the community.

- A. Individuals or groups wishing to make a presentation before the Board of Education:
 - 1. Shall advise the Director of Education, Associate Director, or Recording Secretary of the nature of the matters to be discussed with the Board in advance of the Board meeting.
 - 2. Shall provide, when possible, a copy of their presentation in sufficient time to be included with the regular agenda for distribution to the Board Members.

- B. Normally, the following procedures will govern the conduct of the meeting.
 - 1. The individual/group may make its presentation in writing and/or orally and shall identify a spokesperson for the group.
 - 2. The individual/group shall be entitled to a reasonable period of time to complete its presentation or as long as determined by the Chairperson, and the Director.
 - 3. Upon completion of the presentation, the Chairperson shall allow Board Members to ask questions for clarification for the period of fifteen (15) minutes or longer as determined by the Chairperson. The Chairperson will not allow debate.
 - 4. Upon completion of the question period, the Chairperson shall inform the individual/group when they may expect to be informed of the resolution of the item or an answer to their concern(s).