
POLICY #10410
DISTRICT THEATRE~~BELL~~ PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE –
OPERATION & USE

1. SCOPE

~~1.1. This policy applies to live performance theatres with a seating capacity of 600 or more.~~

2.1. PHILOSOPHY

~~2.1.1.1.~~ The Surrey Board of Education believes ~~a district theatre~~ the Bell Performing Arts Centre (BPAC) exists for the purpose of providing learning opportunities, live entertainment facilities and seminar/meeting space for the school in which it is situated, as well as the school district, and as a whole, the citizens of Surrey, White Rock and surrounding communities.

~~2.2.1.2.~~ The board believes ~~a district theatre~~ the BPAC can also provide valuable career experience opportunities for students, as well as others in the community.

~~2.3.1.3.~~ The board believes ~~a district theatre~~ the BPAC should be operated, used and managed in a fiscally sound and accountable manner.

3.2. AUTHORITY

~~3.4.2.1.~~ The board assigns the responsibility and authority for the operation, administration, use and management of ~~district theatre~~ the BPAC to the secretary-treasurer.

4.3. PRINCIPLES

~~4.1.3.1.~~ ~~When a district theatre is adjacent to or shares a site with a school, effective working relationships will be maintained between the theatre's administration and the school's administration.~~ Every effort will be taken to ensure that, during school hours, the theatre is utilized in a manner which will not conflict with school programs and activities.

~~4.2.3.2.~~ ~~District theatres~~ The BPAC will consider the educational needs of the schools in which ~~it is~~ they are situated, the educational needs of other schools in the district, district sponsored programs, and the administrative needs of the district.

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4.3.3.3. Program details and/or scripts may be requested prior to granting rental of a theatre to ensure that the use and programming are consistent with the public interest.

4.4.3.4. Bookings by users from the school district are further governed by board Policy #8620 – Student Creative Works and Performances and related regulations.

~~4.5. A district theatre will be made available to internal users at a reduced charge defined by regulation.~~

~~4.6.3.5. Bookings will not be cancelled to accommodate internal or external users. External bookings once made will not be cancelled for internal use groups.~~

~~4.7. The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on the premises provided a liquor license is obtained and the event occurs at a time the school is not in session.~~

5.4. OPERATIONS

5.1.4.1. ~~District theatres~~The BPAC ~~are is~~ expected to operate on a cost recovery basis and be reported as part of the annual operating budget.

~~5.2. Rental rates for a district theatre will be set to reflect rates charged by comparable theatres in the Greater Vancouver Regional District.~~

~~5.3. Rental bookings paid in full will be price protected.~~

~~5.4. Rental bookings will be taken up to five (5) years in advance.~~

~~5.5. Prepaid rentals, leases, and prepaid leases may be accepted up to ten (10) years in advance.~~

~~5.6. A district theatre capital improvement account will be established to operate in a manner defined by regulation.~~

6. REPORTING

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~~6.1. The secretary-treasurer shall report annually to the board on the finances and usage of district theatres.~~

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