PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIVISION Section K: School – Community Relations



File KFA

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS/CONCERNS ABOUT LEARNING/INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES/MATERIALS

The Board of Trustees, though it is ultimately responsible for all book purchases, recognizes the right of Teachers and administrators to select books and other material in accordance with current trends in education and to make them available in the schools. The selection of material for use in the schools shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1. Books and other reading material shall be chosen for values of interest and enlightenment of all students in the community.
- 2. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times.
- 3. Suggestions and/or complaints regarding books and other instructional material are to be submitted in writing to the Principal concerned or the Superintendent's Department.

In accordance with No. 3 above, the Board has adopted the following practice when dealing with censorship of books or other materials:

- 1. That the final decision for controversial reading matter shall rest with the Board after careful examination and discussion of the book or reading material with school officials or anyone else the Board may wish to involve.
- 2. That no parent or group of parents has the right to determine the reading matter for students other than for their own children.
- 3. The Board does, however, recognize the right of an individual parent to request that his child not be required to read a given book, provided a written request is made to the Principal concerned.
- 4. Any parent who wishes to request consideration of the use of any book must make such a request in writing to the Principal or Superintendent's Department on the prescribed form. (See: KFA-E)