



**November 26, 2025**

### **2025-26 Regional Student Advisory Committee (StAC) - Meeting 1**

The Regional Student Advisory Committee (StAC) was joined by HRCE legal counsel Selena Henderson, Communications Coordinator Kelly Connors and Communications Officer Lindsey Bunin for a conversation about privacy and consent around the use of student names and images.

The discussion on media consent emphasized balancing student participation and privacy concerns amid evolving challenges like AI misuse. The dialogue highlighted the need for clear communication and thoughtful policies to ensure inclusive educational experiences while respecting privacy.

#### **Participation vs Privacy**

- Concerns raised about students missing out on activities due to lack of signed media consent forms, impacting participation in arts, clubs, yearbooks, and live events.
- Debate on prioritizing student participation over media presence, with suggestions for separate consent forms for art and personal media to reduce barriers.
- Emphasis on informing families about risks of photos and videos being shared beyond school control.

#### **Managing Media and Celebrations**

- Consideration of alternative ways to capture events without focusing on faces, and internal platforms like private SharePoint for sharing to honour privacy while celebrating achievements.
  - Plans for a forthcoming campaign to educate about filming/photography notices and encourage respectful media practices, including limiting video to one's own child and avoiding social media sharing.
  - Recognition that children are less concerned about media use than adults, but adults worry about future implications, especially with advancing AI technology.
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