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2025-26 Regional School Advisory Council (RSAC) - Meeting 1

The Regional School Advisory Council (RSAC) was joined by HRCE legal counsel Selena Henderson, Communications Coordinator Kelly Connors and Communications Officer Lindsey Bunin for a conversation about privacy and consent, specifically relating to the use of student names and images within HRCE school communities.

Key Discussion Points

- **Legal Framework:** Selena Henderson provided an overview of the legal obligations and provincial regulations governing the use of student names and likenesses. She emphasized the importance of obtaining appropriate consent and outlined the mechanisms in place to protect student privacy.
 - **Consent Processes:** The group discussed the standard consent forms distributed to families at the beginning of the school year. The importance of clear communication regarding what is being consented to (e.g., use in newsletters, websites, social media) was highlighted, ensuring families understand and feel empowered in their decisions.
 - **Communication Strategies:** Kelly Connors and Lindsey Bunin reviewed best practices for informing families about how student information and images may be used. They stressed transparency, the need for accessible language in communications, and methods of addressing parent and student concerns.
 - **Managing Concerns:** The group discussed how to respond when consent is withheld or concerns are raised, with an emphasis on respecting individual choices and privacy rights while balancing the need to celebrate student achievements and school events.
 - **Recommendations:** Suggestions included regular review of consent procedures, ongoing staff training, and developing resources to help families make informed choices.
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