

## **Community Forums Summary**

Lord Selkirk School Division

Fall 2016

### **Introduction**

- As a strategy to support the Board of Trustees' goal to "communicate with and involve the community", LSSD hosted four regional community forums in October/November 2016.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u># of Attendees</u></b>
October 11	Walter Whyte	10
October 25	William S. Patterson	10
November 8	Happy Thought	20
November 22	Lord Selkirk Regional	28

### **Forum Feedback**

- At each forum, small group discussions facilitated by Trustees responded to the following questions:
  1. What programs are a priority at your son's/daughter's school?
  2. Is there a particular need in your community that we should know about?
  3. What suggestions do you have for Budget 2017-2018?
- All small group discussion feedback was recorded and summarized. Verbal reports were made by Trustees on behalf of their small groups.

### **Board Planning**

- The Trustees held a Board Planning workshop on December 12, 2016 as part of their annual planning cycle.
- The purpose of the planning workshop was to review the collated feedback and identify common themes from the community forums.

### **Board Priorities**

- The Board discussed and identified priorities that emerged from the community forums' feedback.
- These priorities were cross-referenced to the following Divisional goals:

#### **Pillars of Success**

- Instructional Excellence
- Programs & Services
- Staff Development

#### **Board Division Plan Goals**

- Provide inclusive, quality education
- Communicate with and involve the community
- Succession Planning on all levels

- As a result, the following **emerging themes** were adopted for consideration for Budget 2017-2018:
  - Communication
  - Cultural Education
  - Early Intervention
  - Fiscal/Budget
  - Inclusive Education
  - Mental Health
  - Performing Arts
  - Professional Development
  - Services
  - Technology
  - Transportation

Evaluation of Community Forum Format

- The following evaluation feedback was compiled from all four forums:

<b>1. Did you find this forum helpful?</b>	<b># of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1 (not helpful)	0	0
2	0	0
3	6	11
4	32	59
5 (very helpful)	16	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>2. Was the information presented useful?</b>	<b># of Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1 (not useful)	0	0
2	0	0
3	11	21
4	26	49
5 (very useful)	16	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>100</b>

- General Comments:
  - Having four different forums in the different wards was very beneficial. Participants appreciated the opportunity to provide input at multiple forums.
  - The small group discussion format was an effective way of all voices having the opportunity to be heard. Having the questions ahead of time was helpful.
  - The Division should consider digital formats to promote greater participation from the community.