

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u># of Attendees</u>
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:

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

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

- 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.