

## **COMMUNITY FORUMS SUMMARY**

Lord Selkirk School Division

Fall 2017

### **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 2017.

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u># of Attendees</u></b>
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Walter Whyte	7
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	Mapleton	3
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lord Selkirk Regional	11
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	East Selkirk Middle	7

### **Forum Feedback**

- At each forum, small group discussions facilitated by Trustees responded to the following questions:
  1. Are there particular needs in your community that we should know about?
  2. What programs are a priority at your school?
  3. What suggestions do you have for Budget 2018-2019?
- 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, 2017, 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 2018-2019:
  - Indigenous Education
  - Mental Health
  - Vocational Education
  - Early Years
  - French Immersion

**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>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1 (not helpful)	0	0
2	0	0
3	4	16
4	9	36
5 (very helpful)	12	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2. Was the information presented useful?</b>	<b>Responses</b>	<b>%</b>
1 (not useful)	0	0
2	0	0
3	5	20
4	8	32
5 (very useful)	12	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100</b>

- General Comments from Participants:
  - Increase parent and community participation
  - Group meeting style was useful
  - Report back updates at the start of the forum from the previous year
  - Go back to one evening at the Comp
  - Like the four forums
  - More online opportunities to communicate
  - Poll students about student concerns.