

Lethbridge School Division

Community Engagement Committee

NOTES



Date: Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024

Meeting started at 7:02 p.m. and ended at 8:05 p.m.

1. ICE Scholarship

Committee Chair Kristina Larkin mentioned the scholarship application process is now underway. Application forms were updated for clarity and included language changes. The forms can be reviewed again this year by the committee to make changes for next year - a process which has been consistent year to year. The March 20 ICE Scholarship Showcase event should also help promote scholarship applications.

As for the showcase, about \$15,000 in sponsorship has been secured. Event planning is well underway and this year, more raffle prizes will be available. The planning list and agenda for the evening were reviewed, and the committee agreed to bump up the start time to 6:30 p.m. The scholarship award timelines were also reviewed, in terms of when the selection committee would meet and when the finalists would visit the Education Centre to deliver their presentations to the judges.

2. Town Hall Summary Update

Supt. Mike Nightingale gave a report on the Town Hall, and mentioned the Feb. 6 event featured a great turnout. Approximately 1,600 responses are being analyzed from the Town Hall event itself and the online survey. Nightingale added categories and themes are emerging from the data. The superintendent also thanked everyone for the roles they played in making the event a huge success, and added March 7 is the target date for having a summary report on the Division website.

3. One District, One Book

Committee member, Trustee Andrea Andreachuk, spoke about the last One District, One Book project, which utilized the book, Wishtree, by Edmonton author Katherine Applegate. She spoke about how the 2019 project brought the Division, and the entire city, together, and mentioned that at the time, it was the hope it could be duplicated every 5/6 years. Andreachuk added she would like to start an investigative committee to explore the possibility of another One District, One Book initiative. The committee tasked Andreachuk to explore the idea and see what steps would be needed in order for the Division to look at it One District, One Book once again.

4. Annual Committee Plan

Larkin proposed the committee draft an annual work plan, which will be reviewed later in the year year the committee examines its terms of reference. The plan would assist the committee in considering what the flow and direction should include for the year. It could also set consistent meeting dates. A draft version of the plan is attached.

Next meeting: April 10, 7 p.m.