

Lethbridge School Division

Community Engagement Committee

NOTES



Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Meeting started at 6 p.m.

1. Terms of Reference

The committee's terms of reference were amended.

2. Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship Scholarship

a. Historical overview of events supporting the ICE Scholarship were reviewed, along with the process for participating students.

b. Current Scholarship Fund: \$86,359.

c. Time and date Discussion: end of March, with recommendation to hold 2025 event at Winston Churchill High School, as they had strong representation in the past year; Christine Lee to contact and inquire.

d. Consideration of including Middle School and Elementary students in the process was discussed; how would this process differ from High School? This item will be brought back to the December committee meeting.

e. Christine and Garrett will work on logistics, sponsorships.

3. Town Hall

a. Overview of purpose and historical process given

b. Discussion on location: typically held at Vicotria Park. Suggestion given to disperse the event around the city; with changing demographics in our city, how can we have more engagement in our schools and reach more participants? Teen-based engagement and speakers. Suggestion to add in Town Hall messaging for parents to invite a parent you have never seen at School Council to Town Hall, offering transportation if they don't have any.

c. Town Hall discussion to be brought to the Board in November.

4. Community Engagement/yearly engagement goals

a. Community Conversations: historical purpose and process given. Discussion was held around how to increase participation and reach more community voices. Idea shared was to host 3-4 times/year and reach out to community groups and organizations to work collaboratively to engage their community (i.e. BiPOC Foundation, Sikh Society of Lethbridge). Trustees can begin time with a topic-led discussion/presentation followed by opportunity for open discussion. Andrea will bring this idea forward to the Board for discussion.

5. One Division, One Book

Superintendent Mike Nightingale will reach out to Division administrators to seek interest in moving forward.

Next meeting: To be determined