

# Lethbridge School Division

## Community Engagement Committee

### NOTES



Date: Monday, February 10, 2025

### Meeting started at 7 p.m.

#### 1. Town Hall

Supt. Mike Nightingale provided a recap on the event, and mentioned the evening went well and the turnout, estimated to be 180, was down slightly from 2024, likely due to the cold weather. He highlighted the work of many in the Education Centre who helped make the event a success. People were engaged in meaningful conversation around the tables, he added, and mentioned the transition from the first session to the second session also went smoothly. As for the online Town Hall survey, it was noted the survey had 249 responses as of Feb. 10, and efforts are being made by schools to collect more student responses.

Meetings will be set up in the next week to devise a plan on how the data will be analyzed. Work will then begin on summaries.

#### 2. ICE Award Scholarship Applications

The committee discussed the process involved in shortlisting applications. April 30 is the deadline for application submissions and to this point, no applications have been received. A promotional video was discussed as one way to help encourage applications. The timeline for shortlisting and judging was also discussed, as committee members settled on May 8 as a date for the selection committee to meet, and May 15 as a possible date for judging, which would include the student presentations.

The committee also expressed a desire to reach out to members of the local business community to add to the May 15 judging panel.

#### 3. ICE Awards Showcase

Preparations are well underway for the March 27 event at Winston Churchill High School. The committee learned \$11,500 has been collected from sponsors for 2025. Supt. Mike Nightingale thanked the community for the incredible support the scholarship and the showcase has enjoyed over the years. Door prizes have been arranged and sponsor recognition plaques have been ordered.

The committee also decided on the names for ribbons that will be handed out, along with \$100, for every elementary and middle school table in attendance. Ribbons will be handed out for tables that display innovation (Pioneer of Possibilities), creativity (Imagination Champion) and entrepreneurship (Future CEO).



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#### 4. Community Engagement

The Board of Trustees hosted the February Community Conversations event at the YMCA. To plan upcoming events in March and May, the goal is for trustees to quickly respond to the committee, with their availability, to assist in nailing down future dates and locations. Details for upcoming Community Conversations events will be found in the February Board of Trustees agenda.

It was mentioned daytime Community Conversation events may be difficult for community members to attend. With that in mind, it was suggested evening meetings, or online meetings, might be better options.

#### 5. Budget Feedback

Over 200 responses have been received for the Division's survey pertaining to planning for the 2025/2026 preliminary budget. The survey closes on Feb. 26. Responses are collected and data will be presented to the Board to assist in strategic planning.

Committee members mentioned the survey was well designed.