



# Aspen View PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*“Aspen View Public Schools is committed to preparing our students to achieve success and reach their unique potential through the provision of meaningful learning opportunities.”*

## Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held Thursday, April 6, 2017  
at Rochester School



### Provincial funding formula

The Board of Trustees continues to advocate for a new Alberta Education funding formula that better reflects the realities of rural Alberta.

Aspen View will be preparing a policy for submission to Zone 2/3 of the Alberta School Boards Association, calling for the Alberta Government to review the K-12 funding framework.

As well, the Board of Trustees has meetings scheduled with all three local MLAs, and has requested a meeting with Alberta Education Minister, Hon. David Eggen, to discuss rural education issues.

### Attendance Area changes proposed

Following a review in March by the Transportation Committee of all Aspen View schools' attendance areas, the Board of Trustees is now considering three proposed changes:

1) Athabasca/Boyle Southeast - Moves an area from the Boyle attendance area into the Athabasca attendance area. Currently, five students from this area attend school in Athabasca; none attend in Boyle.

2) Athabasca/Boyle East - Moves an area from the Athabasca area into the Boyle attendance area. Currently, one student from this area attends school in Boyle; none attend in Athabasca.

3) Smoky Lake/Vilna - Moves an area from the Vilna attendance area into the Smoky Lake attendance area. Currently, 23 students from this area attend school in Smoky Lake; two attend in Vilna.

The Board of Trustees is accepting stakeholder feedback on the proposed changes through [an online form](#) until April 18. A final decision is anticipated at the April 20 board meeting.

Information on the proposed changes is available at [www.aspenview.org](http://www.aspenview.org).

### January Diploma Exam results

Deputy Superintendent Neil O'Shea presented the Board of Trustees with combined results from the January 2017 diploma exams.

Overall, students' performance was improved with Aspen View exceeding the provincial average for achieving the acceptable standard in English 30-2, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 and Social 30-2. Aspen View students also exceeded the provincial average for achieving the level of excellence in Math 30-2, Chemistry 30 and Social 30-1.

Mr. O'Shea commented that Aspen View continues to monitor significant discrepancies between diploma exam results and class-awarded marks.

### Other highlights:

- The Board of Trustees approved three new locally developed courses to be offered within Aspen View: Rock and Pop (15, 25 & 35 - five credits each), Class V Driver Training 35 (three credits) and Audio (15, 25 & 35 - five credits each).

This brings the total number of locally developed courses offered by Aspen View to 30.

- The Board of Trustees approved the creation of a new Deep Creek Colony School, located north of Athabasca, which is scheduled to open in the 2017-18 school year.

Aspen View will provide instructional staff only; infrastructure, maintenance and supplies are funded by the Colony.

Colony schools operate at no net cost to Aspen View.

### Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 20, 2017  
10 a.m. - Division Office

### Upcoming Events:

- April 5-13:  
April Diploma Exams
- April 14: Good Friday  
(No School)
- April 17: Easter Monday  
(No School)
- April 21: Staff Work Day  
(No School for Students)

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