



# 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 20, 2017  
at the Aspen View Division Office



### Funding Framework Review

The Board of Trustees approved a policy for submission to Zone 2/3 of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA), calling for the Alberta Government to “undertake a comprehensive review of the K-12 Funding Framework, and the effectiveness and outcomes of the per-student funding formulas.”

If approved by Zone 2/3 at their meeting on April 28, the policy will be considered for ratification at the ASBA general meeting in November.

### Meeting with the Minister

Aspen View Public Schools, represented by Board of Trustees chair Dennis MacNeil and Trustee Nancy Sand, will share concerns regarding the current Funding Framework for K-12 education, in particular its impact on rural Alberta, in an upcoming meeting with Alberta Education Minister Hon. David Eggen. Aspen View will also speak to the Minister to support of a single publicly-funded school system in Alberta.

Other topics to be discussed at the meeting include the proposed Education Act, the impact of the carbon levy, and curriculum review.

### Attendance Area changes

Following lengthy discussion including a review of stakeholder feedback, the Board of Trustees approved an attendance area change that 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 attendance area change is effective for the start of the 2017-18 school year. Families affected will be contacted individually by Aspen View Schools. Decisions regarding student transportation options, etc. are forthcoming.

Two proposed changes involving the Athabasca and Boyle attendance areas were not approved; those areas will remain the same.

### Other highlights:

• Whisper Hills Primary School (WHPS) Grade 2 teacher David Lundell attended the board meeting with his students

to provide details on a ‘schoolground greening’ initiative, the goal of which is to create a more ecologically

diverse schoolyard around WHPS. The school will be pursuing grants, community partnerships and other fundraising to support the project.

• The Board of Trustees voted to send a letter of Alberta Municipal Affairs Minister Hon. Shaye Anderson, in support of newly proposed changes to the Municipal Government Act that arose from consultation with Alberta school boards.



*Mr. Lundell's Grade 2 students from WHPS help with his presentation to the board on schoolground greening.*



*Aspen View Public Schools trustees and administrators show their Oilers pride at the April 20 board meeting. Photo by Joel Watson - Athabasca Advocate.*

### Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 4, 2017  
10 a.m. - Grassland School

### Upcoming Events:

May 1:  
Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 12: Staff Work Day  
(No School for Students)

May 12:  
2017 Aspen View Staff Awards  
Boyle Community Centre

### Trustees:

Ward 1 (North West):  
Nancy Sand  
Ward 2 (North Central):  
Anne Karczmarczyk  
Dennis MacNeil (Chair)  
Ward 3 (North East):  
Candy Nikipelo (Vice Chair)  
Ward 4 (South West):  
Vacant  
Ward 5 (South Central):  
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