



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, March 2, 2017
at Vilna School



School/Grade Division Closure Policy

After lengthy debate, the Board of Trustees passed second and final reading of a revised *Policy 15 - School or Grade Division Closure*. The revised policy describes the circumstances that may cause Aspen View Public Schools to examine a school or grade level's viability, and the process that must be followed should closure be considered.

Minor changes were made that clarify language within the policy, but they do not significantly change the required process for school or grade division closure.

No Aspen View schools or grade divisions are being considered for closure at present.

2018-21 Capital Plan

The Board of Trustees approved the 2018-21 Capital Plan for submission to Alberta Education. Submitted annually, the Capital Plan lists Aspen View Public Schools' top five capital project priorities. Capital Plans from school divisions across Alberta are reviewed by the provincial government, in consideration of new school construction/modernization projects.

Aspen View Public Schools' 2018-21 Capital Plan lists, in order:

- H.A. Kostash School Modernization: Estimated total cost of approximately \$18.6 million.
- Landing Trail Intermediate School Modernization: Estimated total cost of approximately \$16.8 million.
- Smith School Modernization: Estimated total cost of approximately \$7.6 million.
- Grassland School Modernization: Estimated total cost of approximately \$1.8 million.
- Rochester School Modernization: Estimated total cost of approximately \$1.7 million.

Acknowledgment of Treaty or Traditional Lands & National Aboriginal Day

The Board of Trustees approved amendments to *Policy 32 - First Nation, Métis Inuit Education* and *Administrative Procedure 155 - Event Protocol* to direct that acknowledgment of Treaty or Traditional Land be made at division or school events as appropriate, in consultation with local indigenous communities. Shortly, *Policy 7 - Board Operations* will also be amended so direct similar acknowledgment be made at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Aspen View Public Schools is located within the region of Treaty 6 and Treaty 8, and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis Nation.

Other highlights:

- Superintendent of Schools Mark Francis advised the Board of Trustees that the Council of the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River has approved a \$20,000 grant to enhancement of the Family School Liaison Program at Smith School. The funding will help provide enhanced counseling support to Smith School students.
- The Board continues to review its policy manual, with several policies being converted into Administrative Procedures. This process was recommended from the 2015-16 Board Evaluation.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 6, 2017
10 a.m. - Rochester School

Upcoming Events:

- March 13-17:
Substitute Teachers' Appreciation Week
- March 24: Staff Work Day
(No School)
- March 27-31: March Break
(No School)

Trustees:

- Ward 1 (North West):
Nancy Sand
- Ward 2 (North Central):
Anne Karczmarczyk
Dennis MacNeil (Chair)
- Ward 3 (North East):
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