



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 12, 2018
at Aspen View Public Schools Division Office



Meeting with Education Minister



Members of the Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees and Superintendent Mark Francis met with Education Minister Hon. David Eggen and Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater MLA Colin Piquette on April 5. (photo courtesy David Eggen)

The Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees recapped their April 5, 2018 meeting with Hon. David Eggen, Minister of Education. While they were appreciative of the opportunity to meet, trustees expressed that they were ‘frustrated and disheartened’ by Minister Eggen’s response to several issues, including the lack of clarity on the H.A. Kostash School modernization/replacement project; the lack of progress on a review of the K-12 funding framework; continued inequity in the School and Transportation Fees reduction grant; and the lack of consideration for rural schools within Budget 2018.

Trustees voted unanimously to continue correspondence with both the Minister of Education and the Minister of Infrastructure on these points.

School bus route cancellations

Secretary-treasurer Amber Oko presented a summary of school bus route cancellations within Aspen View during the 2017-18 school year. As of April 6, 2018, 2.92 per cent of bus routes had been cancelled; routes cancelled in the 2016-17 school year were less than one per cent.

Oko shared that recruitment of both regular and spare bus drivers has been a challenge this year, particularly in the Athabasca attendance area,

which contributes significantly to the number of routes cancelled due to driver availability. The number of routes cancelled due to inclement weather and/or road conditions has also increased.

Data on school bus route cancellations was referred to the Transportation Committee for thorough review and recommendation for further action.

Learning and technology

Donna Wesley, Aspen View Director of Curriculum & Technology, and Ernest Aleixandre, Director of IT Services, presented the 2017-18 Learning & Technology report and three-year plan to the Board of Trustees. Together, the two documents lay out Aspen View’s progress, strategies and responsibilities within the five policy directions of the Learning & Technology Policy Framework:

- Student-centred learning
- Research and innovation
- Professional learning
- Leadership
- Access, Infrastructure & Digital Learning

Environments

Over the past year, Aspen View has continued its migration from desktop computers to less expensive Windows laptops and Chromebooks; and increased its use of Cloud Services rather than in-house servers for data storage.

In the coming year, priorities include:

- Implementation of new learning technologies including coding, robotics and makerspace resources and 3D printers;
- Working towards a 1:1 student to device ratio, in preparation for a new, more digitally based curriculum;
- Supporting teachers as they use technology to re-imagine teaching and learning in their classrooms.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 26, 2018
10 a.m. - Grassland School

Upcoming Events:

April 20, 2018
Staff Work Day (No School)

April 30 - May 4, 2018
Education Week

May 7, 2018
Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 11, 2018
Aspen View Awards &
Recognition Night

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):
April Bauer
- Ward 5 (South Central):
Tom Mykytiuk
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