



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 26, 2018
at Grassland School



Budget preparations

Aspen View Public Schools estimates a \$1.4 million decrease in funding available for regular operations in the 2018-19 school year.

Enrolment across the division is projected to decline by approximately 60 students, which results in an estimated decrease in funding of approximately \$916,000. Expected cost increases include approximately \$373,000 for grid and negotiated salary and benefit increases; and approximately \$111,000 in increased nutrition program costs, which correspond with restricted revenue received.

To ensure a continued level of service to students, the Budget Committee of the Board of Trustees has directed administration to draft an operating budget with a deficit of up to \$500,000.

Review of busing contracts

Due to a growing number of concerns expressed regarding student transportation, the Board of Trustees unanimously passed a motion directing administration to consult with legal counsel to review current transportation operations against existing contracts, specifically in regard to provisions to ensure safe and reliable delivery of transportation services.

New EPC fire pump

In the course of connecting services to the new Edwin Parr Composite School, a discrepancy was discovered between the builder's anticipated water pressure for which the school's fire suppression system was designed, and the actual water pressure being delivered. To mitigate the situation, a fire pump will be installed to ensure sufficient water pressure is in place, should the fire suppression system be activated.

On April 20, the Executive Committee of the Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees approved an agreement with Clark Builders

to share the cost of installing the fire pump, estimated at approximately \$160,000. Aspen View is also investigating whether its portion of the cost may be included in provincial project funding.

Installation of the fire pump will be completed in August 2018.

Smoky Lake FSLW Program

The Board of Trustees approved, in principle, a Family School Liaison Worker (FSLW) Master Service Agreement between Aspen View Public Schools, Smoky Lake County, Lakeland Catholic School District and the Village of Waskatenau. The new agreement, once ratified by all parties, established Aspen View Public Schools as the managing partner for the Smoky Lake FSLW Program.

Other highlights:

- Deputy Superintendent Neil O'Shea and Secretary Treasurer Amber Oko are facilitating program planning meetings with all school administrators. These meetings include a review of enrolment projections, staffing levels, operating schedules and budget variances, in preparation for the 2018-19 school year. Superintendent Mark Francis noted this newly-adopted format has proved beneficial to both division and school administration.

- The Board of Trustees approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the Athabasca County Library Board for the continued operation of shared community/school libraries in Grassland School and Rochester School.

- Thorhild County council has requested that two bus stops in the Hamlet of Thorhild be relocated. Aspen View has no issue with the proposed locations, and will incorporate them into route planning for the 2018-19 school year as needed.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 10, 2018
10 a.m. - Division Office

Upcoming Events:

May 7, 2018
Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 11, 2018
Aspen View Awards &
Recognition Night

May 17-18, 2018
Staff Work Day/Day in Lieu
(No school for students)

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