

"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, August 31, 2017 at Landing Trail Intermediate School



The Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools approved the 2017-18 System Priorities. Prepared annually, the System Priorities guide the work of the board, administration and schools over the course of the school year.

The 2017-18 System Priorities can be found on the Aspen View Public Schools website <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **School fees**

The Board of Trustees was advised that Aspen View's school fees schedule was approved by the Minister of Education on August 11. The Board also approved a revised version of *Policy 19* - *School Fees* that includes clarifications required by the Minister.

Under *Bill 1 - An Act to Reduce School Fees*, fees charged for basic instructional materials have been eliminated. Fees are still in place for specific courses, school-related activities, projects or items.

Aspen View's school fees schedule lists, by school, the <u>maximum</u> fees that may be charged (some may be reduced based on cost) and for what purpose. Fee schedules for each school will be posted on the Aspen View website, along with information on fee payment, waiver requests and refunds.

#### **Transportation fees**

The Board of Trustees has set transportation fees for the 2017-18 school year.

Busing of students who reside <u>less</u> than 2.4 km from their designated school is subject to an annual fee of \$75 per student, up to a maximum per family of \$200.

Busing of students to an alternate address, such as a babysitter or workplace, is subject to an annual fee of \$75 per student.



Yard pick-up/drop-off at rural residences, other than for approved medical or safety reasons, is subject to an annual fee of \$100 per address.

For the 2017-18 school year, transportation fees have been suspended for school of choice (busing students to a school other than their designated school) and non-resident students (students who reside outside of the division boundaries). However, in those instances, parents/guardians are responsible for transporting those students to an assigned bus stop for that school.

Busing of students who reside more than 2.4 km from their designated school will be provided at no cost, as required by *Bill 1 - An Act to Reduce School Fees*.

#### School board elections

Nomination Day for Aspen View school board elections is September 18, 2017. Completed nomination forms must be dropped off at the Aspen View Public School division office between 10 a.m. and noon.

Information for prospective candidates, including nomination forms, ward boundary maps and other information, can be found on the Aspen View Public Schools website <a href="here">here</a>.

School board elections take place across Alberta on October 16, 2017. Dates and locations of advance polls, if required, will be announced after Nomination Day.

## Other highlights:

• The Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for September 28, 2017 at Rochester School, has been rescheduled to October 5, 2017.

# **Next Board Meeting:**

Thursday, September 14, 2017 10 a.m. - Division Office

# **Upcoming Events:**

September 18:
Nomination Day for
School Board Elections
September 30:
Orange Shirt Day
October 16:
School Board Elections

## **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):
Elohne Chizawsky
Ward 6 (South East):

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