



# 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, February 1, 2018  
at Boyle School



### Village of Boyle delegation

Village of Boyle councillor Barb Smith and CAO Charlie Ashbey made a presentation to the Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees. Councillor Smith commented that the high quality of education available through Boyle School was a significant factor in her family’s decision to move to Boyle. CAO Ashbey called on the provincial government to reinforce that particularly in small communities, public schools are the best way to receive a quality education.

Aspen View superintendent Mark Francis thanked the Village of Boyle delegation for their presentation, and indicated that representatives from Aspen View plan to make a presentation an upcoming village council meeting.



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### Municipal partner presentations

Reflective of their priority to improve communications with communities, the Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees passed a motion to have board and administrative representatives appear as a delegation at an upcoming council meeting of each of the municipalities within Aspen View’s region.

Topics Aspen View will address include a review of educational matters, municipal

advocacy, rural sustainability and funding, and community engagement.

Aspen View’s region includes two town councils (Athabasca and Smoky Lake), four county councils (Athabasca, Smoky Lake, Thorhild and the M.D. of Lesser Slave River) and three village councils (Boyle, Vilna and Waskatenau).

### Pre-budget consultation

The Board of Trustees reviewed Aspen View’s written submission to the provincial government’s pre-budget consultation. Aspen View reiterated its advocacy for a comprehensive review of the K-12 education funding framework. As interim measures while a review is conducted, Aspen View also advocated for options including a partial freeze on education funding; full funding of Plant Operations & Maintenance costs; restoration of Enrolment Decline funding; amendments to Equity of Opportunity funding; and a reversal of changes to Credit Enrolment Unit funding.

### Proposed new Catholic school

Aspen View Public Schools is endeavoring to facilitate a meeting with Lakeland Catholic School Division, the Town of Smoky Lake, Smoky Lake County, the Village of Waskatenau and the Village of Vilna to share information regarding a proposal to establish a new Catholic school in Smoky Lake.

Hon. David Eggen, Minister of Education, has advised Aspen View that no formal application for a Catholic school in Smoky Lake has yet been made, and he encouraged Aspen View Public Schools and Lakeland Catholic School Division to communicate directly and work collaboratively for the benefit of all students in our communities.

### Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, March 1, 2018  
10 a.m. - Vilna School

### Upcoming Events:

February 15-16, 2018  
Teacher’s Convention  
(No School)

February 28, 2018  
Council of School Councils  
5 p.m., WHPS

March 4-6, 2018  
2018 Alberta Rural Education  
Symposium  
Edmonton

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