



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

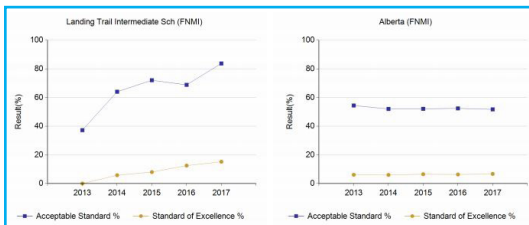
from the regular meeting held Thursday, March 15, 2018
at Edwin Parr Composite School



FNMI success

Deputy Superintendent Neil O’Shea shared data from Landing Trail Intermediate School, where academic results for First Nations, Metis & Inuit (FNMI) students have steadily improved over the last five years. School administration attributes their success to a combination of global strategies that appropriately integrate FNMI culture into the school environment; as well as targeted strategies for the whole school that includes reading programs, literacy interventions and improved teacher practices.

Trustees asked that LTIS share their strategies with other Aspen View schools, as well as with other school divisions.



Academic results among FNMI students at Landing Trail Intermediate School have steadily increased over the past five years, exceeding provincial averages. (Click image to see larger)

2019-22 Capital Plan

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2019-22 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’ 2019-22 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 \$12.5 million.
- Grassland School Modernization: Estimated total cost of approximately \$1.8 million.
- Rochester School Modernization: Estimated total cost of approximately \$1.7 million.

Bus regulations and safety

On March 1, Alberta Transportation began a phasing-in of a new Carrier Services Intervention and Discipline Policy, which applies to school bus operators. In light of this policy change, as well as the recent tragedy near Thorhild, the Board of Trustees unanimously supported a recommendation to conduct a third-party review of all Aspen View safety policies, transportation safety manuals and other applicable administrative procedures, including those for inclement weather.

Other highlights

- Brian LeMessurier of the Big River Arts Society gave a presentation to the board on the programs it provides within Aspen View schools.
- Superintendent Mark Francis provided a summary of current school procedures regarding the use of personal electronic devices. The data will be shared with school administrators as a tool to help better define school procedures as deemed appropriate.
- A verbal report was shared from a March 1, 2018 meeting involving Aspen View Public Schools, Lakeland Catholic School Division and municipalities in the Smoky Lake area, in regard to Lakeland’s plans to open a Catholic school in Smoky Lake. Aspen View representatives will share their concerns in a meeting with Education Minister, Hon. David Eggen, on April 5.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 12, 2018
10 a.m. - Division Office

Upcoming Events:

March 23, 2018
Staff Work Day
(No School)

March 26-April 2, 2018
Spring Break/Easter
(No School)

April 9-17, 2018
Diploma Exam Dates

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
- Ward 6 (South East): Donna Cherniwchan

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