



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, May 10, 2018
at Aspen View Public Schools’ Division Office



One Education System

The Board of Trustees unanimously supported a public statement in support of One Education System:

The Board of Trustees for Aspen View Public Schools believes in creating a safe, caring and welcoming environment for people of all religious denominations and cultures; an environment where excellent education is provided for all students, working side by side regardless of religious beliefs or cultural differences, supporting the diversity of our province.

The Board of Trustees believes that unification of separate and public systems would result in significant cost savings that would allow for more diverse programs, better support systems, and reduced facility costs.

Therefore, the Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools supports the combining of separate school districts with their public counterparts, into a unified public education system; and encourages the re-investing of all savings from such unification back into our public school system.

2018/19 Draft Budget

Aspen View Public Schools Secretary Treasurer Amber Oko presented the Board of Trustees with the 2018/19 Spring Draft Budget, which currently projects an operating deficit of \$431,435. Revenue is expected to decrease by approximately \$606,000 from the 2017/18 Fall Budget, due to an anticipated decline in enrollment of 62 full-time equivalent students, as well as decreases in both Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) funding and school-generated funds. Overall expenses are budgeted to decrease by approximately \$292,000, to \$42.35 million. Factors impacting expenses include grid and negotiated salary increases, staffing changes, expenses tied to specific grants, and adjustments to budgeted expenses based on previous years’ actuals.

The 2018/19 Spring Draft Budget will be brought back before the Board of Trustees for approval at their May 24, 2018 meeting.

2018/19 Draft Fee Template

Secretary Treasurer Oko presented the 2018/19 Draft Fee Template to the Board of Trustees. The fee template is a comprehensive listing of all school-based and centrally-administered fees that may be charged during the 2018/19 school year. Transportation fees for 2018/19, currently budgeted as unchanged from 2017/18, have been referred to the Transportation Committee for further discussion, and the full fee template will come back to the board on May 24, 2018 as part of the budget approval process.

Roofing contracts

The Board of Trustees awarded four tenders totaling \$694,247 for roof repairs on Landing Trail Intermediate School, Whispering Hills Primary School, Grassland School and Thorhild Central School. As the total cost exceeds the \$500,000 in IMR funding budgeted for the projects, administration will defer other IMR projects so that these significant repairs can be completed.

Great Beginnings program

Aspen View Public Schools will launch a pre-Kindergarten Great Beginnings program at Whispering Hills Primary School in 2018-19. The program welcomes pre-Kindergarten students eligible for Program Unit Funding (PUF) for special needs, as well as four-year-old students. The program will mirror and build on successful Great Beginnings programs already operating in other Aspen View schools including Thorhild, Smoky Lake and Vilna. Aspen View plans to further expand the Great Beginnings program to other schools, and pursue provincial licensing that will allow eligible families to apply for a \$100 monthly preschool subsidy.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 24, 2018
10 a.m. - Smith School

Upcoming Events:

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

May 21, 2018
Victoria Day
(No school)

June 13-28, 2018
Diploma Exams

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