



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, November 9, 2017
at H.A. Kostash School



Draft Fall Budget Update

The Board of Trustees reviewed the draft fall update to the Aspen View Public Schools' 2017-18 budget.

Aspen View's draft budgeted deficit is \$117,716. Total budgeted operating revenue is forecast at just under \$42.5 million. Funding has increased largely due to grants received, including the Nutrition Grant, Classroom Improvement Fund, and Building Capacity and Collaboration in Education Grant. Adjustments have also been made to Alberta Education revenue based on actual September enrolment. Budgeted operating expenses are approximately \$42.6 million. Expenditures have increased due to expenses related to the grants received, and updated estimates based on prior year actuals.

The Fall Budget Update will be back before the Board of Trustees for approval at their November 23, 2017 meeting.

PAT and Diploma Exam results

Trustees were presented with Aspen View's 2016-17 Provincial Achievement Test (PAT) and Diploma Exam results.

Grade 6 PAT results compared favourably to the provincial average, particularly in Language Arts and Science.

Grade 9 PAT results, while improved, remain behind the provincial average in most cases.

Diploma Exam results were strong for English 30-2 and Biology 30, and improvement was also shown in Chemistry 30 and Social 30-2. Significant gains were also made in increasing the number of students achieving the level of excellence in Math and the sciences.

Superintendent Mark Francis said information will be presented to the Board of Trustees at an upcoming meeting on strategies being employed to address Aspen View's struggling Math results.

Collective Agreement ratified

Aspen View Public Schools and Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA) Local No. 7 have ratified a two-year Collective Agreement, as announced [here](#).

School maintenance projects

Trustees reviewed Aspen View's three-year Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) plan. Approximately \$870,000 in school maintenance projects are planned for 2018, including roof replacements at Landing Trail Intermediate, Whispering Hills Primary, Thorhild Central and Grassland schools; boiler replacement at Smith School; ceiling and light upgrades at Boyle School, as well as smaller projects at most school facilities.

IMR projects are funded through a designated provincial grant.

Other highlights:

- Reflective of the Board's priority to engage student voice, Aspen View administration will involve students in a review of division policy and procedures on student conduct.
- The Board of Trustees and its Transportation Committee have reviewed bus ride times for 2017-18. Of the 62 routes operated in Aspen View, six begin earlier than 7:15 a.m. due to students' location. Combined, the 62 routes travel 10,154 km per day.
- Trustees reviewed the Final Report of the 2016-17 Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission. While they agree with the recommendation that all of Aspen View (except for the Smith region) be contained within a single constituency, they were nevertheless disappointed that the Final Report maintained the recommendation that rural ridings be consolidated to add three ridings in Edmonton and Calgary.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, November 23, 2017
10 a.m. - Division Office

Upcoming Events:

November 13-17:
November Break (No School)

November 15-17:
Public School Boards
Association of Alberta
Fall Conference

November 19-21:
Alberta School Boards
Association Fall Conference

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Dennis MacNeil (Chair)
- Ward 3 (North East):
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