



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 23, 2017
at Aspen View Public Schools Division Office



Audited Financial Statements

Aspen View Public Schools' 2016-17 Audited Financial Statements were presented by Hawkings Epp Dumont LLP and approved by the Board of Trustees. The Auditors expressed an opinion that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects with public sector accounting standards.

Aspen View realized an operating surplus of \$412,454 over the course of the year. Decreases in the Division's expenditures were consistent with the decline in funded students, while the division had a large increase in deferred revenue and construction in progress, attributed to the new EPC project.

The Board approved a motion to transfer the surplus to operating reserves.

Fall Budget Update approved

The Board of Trustees approved the fall update to the Aspen View Public Schools' 2017-18 budget. Aspen View's budgeted deficit is \$117,716. Total budgeted operating revenue is forecast at just under \$42.5 million, while budgeted operating expenses are approximately \$42.6 million.

Critical Minimum Enrolments

As required by policy, Superintendent Mark Francis advised the board of three schools — Grassland, Rochester and Smith — whose student populations in certain grades or grade divisions fall beneath established critical minimum enrolment levels. Despite the low enrolments, Superintendent Francis advised that he is satisfied with the level of education students are receiving

The Board of Trustees agreed at this time to take no further action regarding the three schools.



Aspen View Public School Board vice-chair Candy Nikipelo presents Board chair Dennis MacNeil with the Alberta School Boards' Association Long Service pin, in recognition of serving two terms as a school trustee.

ASBA motion

As part of its ongoing efforts to advocate for a review of education funding, the Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees sponsored a motion at the Alberta School Boards' Association (ASBA) Fall General Meeting on November 20, 2017. The motion, which calls for the ASBA

to request the Government of Alberta undertake a comprehensive review of the K-12 Funding Framework in its entirety in consultation with school boards, passed with 95 per cent of school boards representing 97 per cent of students voting in favour.

Technology update

Implementation of learning technology continues to be a priority within Aspen View. Soon, over 700 more Chromebooks will have been deployed within Aspen View since last year, increasing the ratio of laptops or Chromebooks to students to 86 per cent. Aspen View has also doubled its use of cloud-based data storage, strengthened its network with additional wireless access points, and begun deploying 3D printers.

Other highlights:

- The location of two upcoming Board of Trustees meetings has been changed. The January 18, 2018 meeting will be held at Thorhild Central School, and the February 1, 2018 meeting will be held at Boyle School.

Next Board Meeting:

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

Upcoming Events:

December 25, 2017-
January 5, 2018:
Christmas Break (No School)

January 8, 2018:
Classes Resume

January 11-30, 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):
April Bauer
Ward 5 (South Central):
Tom Mykytiuk
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