

# Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held  
Thursday, April 4, 2019  
at Grassland School



**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.”*

## 2020-21 School Calendar

The Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees approved, in principle, the [2020-21 School Calendar](#). The first day of the school year for students is August 31, 2020.

As per the newly-amended *Policy 20 – School Year*, the Board will give final approval of the 2020-21 School Calendar no later than January 2020.

## 2020-23 Capital Plan

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the 2020-23 Capital Plan for submission to Alberta Education. Submitted annually, the Capital Plan lists Aspen View Public Schools' top three 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' 2020-23 Capital Plan lists, in order:

- H.A. Kostash School Replacement: Estimated total cost of approximately \$25.0 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 high school pilot project

Superintendent Neil O'Shea provided a verbal report on the stakeholder meeting held March 13 to review the Grassland high school pilot project. A recommendation for the 2019-20 school year will be presented to the Board at their April 18, 2019 meeting.

## Candidate presentations

In fulfillment of the Board Priority of political advocacy, the Board of Trustees invited candidates in the April 16, 2019 provincial election to address questions related to public education. At the April 4, 2019 meeting, Alberta Party candidate Wayne Rufiange presented to the Board regarding the K-12 education funding framework, student transportation, rural sustainability, the H.A. Kostash School replacement project, and the Public Schools Boards Association of Alberta 'Together for Students' campaign.

The Board also received a written submission for New Democratic Party candidate Therese Taschuk. United Conservative Party candidate Glenn van Dijken presented to the Board on February 21, 2019.



*Aspen View wellness leads Glenda Gray (l) and Amy Kucherawy.*

## Wellness

Aspen View wellness leads Glenda Gray and Amy Kucherawy provided an update to the Board on initiatives currently underway throughout the division, supporting both student and staff wellness.

## Other highlights

- The Board approved, in principle, Boyle School's request for an out-of-country field trip to Belize in spring 2020.

## Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 18, 2019  
10:00 a.m. - Division Office

## Upcoming Events:

- April 12, 2019  
Staff Work Day  
(No school for students)
- April 19 & 22, 2019  
Good Friday, Easter Monday  
(No school for students)
- April 12, 2019  
Staff Work Day  
(No school for students)
- April 29-May 3, 2019  
Education Week

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