

# Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held  
Thursday, April 18, 2019  
at Aspen View Public Schools Division Office



**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.”*

## Grassland high school pilot project

Following a review of input received from stakeholder engagement opportunities, the Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public School unanimously supported the recommendation of Superintendent Neil O’Shea that, as proposed in the original pilot project, high school programming be provided at Grassland School for Grade 10 and 11 students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Superintendent O’Shea said Grassland School staff is committed to working with students to develop timetables to address their individual course needs, and that more information would be shared with school families shortly.

Students from the Grassland School attendance area who currently attend Grade 11 at Boyle School will remain at Boyle for Grade 12 in 2019-20.

## Literacy update

Donna Wesley, Director of Curriculum & Technology, presented the Board of Trustees with updated literacy statistics to January 2019.

Reading assessment results indicate that 75 per cent of Grade 1-8 English Language Arts students; and 61 per cent of Grade 1-6 French Language Arts students, are reading at or above grade level.

Through the Response to Intervention (RTI) model, Aspen View Public School has identified a target of 80 per cent of students reading at or above grade level; however, Ms. Wesley indicated a significant number of students are within one reading level of achieving their grade level, and is optimistic that the target will be reached by the end of the school year.

## Métis Crossing

Juanita Marois of the Métis Nation of Alberta presented to the Board of Trustees on Métis Crossing.

Located just south of Smoky Lake, Métis Crossing is the

first major Métis cultural interpretive centre in Alberta. Ms. Marois indicated that many schools, including some from Aspen View, have arranged student learning experiences at Métis Crossing, with capacity for more when their new cultural centre opens later this year.



*Métis Crossing development manager Juanita Marois.*

## Thesis presentation

Former Aspen View Public Schools Superintendent Derm Madden presented his doctoral thesis for the Board of Trustees. Over the course of several years, Mr. Madden engaged Aspen View schools and students in his research on how the integration of mobile technology in education influences students’ academic performance.

## Other highlights

• Superintendent O’Shea advised that recruitment of a new principal for Grassland School is underway. Staff and school families have been invited to share feedback on what qualities they would like to see in a new principal, which will form a preferred candidate profile used in the recruitment process.

## Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 2, 2019  
10:00 a.m. - Smith School

## Upcoming Events:

April 29-May 3, 2019  
Education Week

May 6, 2019  
Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 10, 2019  
Aspen View Awards &  
Recognition Night

May 17, 2019  
Staff Work Day  
(No School for Students)

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