



# 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 Wednesday, August 22, 2018  
at Edwin Parr Composite School



### Revision to Capital Project Plan: H.A. Kostash School

The Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees was advised that, following consultation with Alberta Infrastructure and the Capital Planning branch of Alberta Education, Aspen View Public Schools has amended its 2019 Capital Project Plan to change its top priority — H.A. Kostash School — from a modernization project to a replacement project. The amendment changes the estimated project cost from approximately \$18.6 million to \$20.8 million.

### Collection of outstanding transportation fees

The Board of Trustees unanimously passed a motion directing administration to suspend non-essential transportation services — alternate pick-up/drop-off locations, school of choice and less than 2.4 km — for those families who have outstanding fees for those services from the 2017-18 school year, until such time as payment is made or a waiver application is received and approved.

Aspen View Division Office will be responsible for addressing all outstanding fees. Bus drivers will not be responsible for determining who is eligible to ride the bus.

School divisions are permitted to charge fees for transportation services that are not funded through Alberta Education. The transportation fees charged by Aspen View Public Schools for non-essential services are among the lowest in the province, and the revenue received does not fully offset the cost of providing these services.

### Executive Committee Meeting: Transportation Contract

The Executive Committee of the Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees voted in an

asynchronous meeting held in July to enter into a three-year contract with Sparksman Transportation to operate 31 school bus routes in the Athabasca, Boyle, Grassland and Thorhild attendance areas.

### Special Meeting: Superintendent resignation

At a special meeting held July 30, the Board of Trustees accepted, with regret, the resignation of Superintendent Mark Francis, who has accepted a senior administrative position with Parkland School Division.

Deputy Superintendent Neil O’Shea has been appointed as Acting Superintendent until a new superintendent is hired. Board chair Dennis MacNeil was directed by the Board of Trustees to oversee the hiring process.

### Other highlights

- On July 17, updated agreements were signed between Aspen View Public Schools and the Athabasca County Library Board for the continued operation of joint school and community libraries at Grassland School and Rochester School.
- Smith School has negotiated the sale of its former activity bus to a local contractor, who will continue to make the bus available to the school for field trips. The proceeds from the sale, \$13,500, will be held in the school’s capital reserves.
- Aspen View Public Schools was a subscriber to the Alberta Local Authorities Reciprocal Insurance Exchange (ALARIE) until it ceased operations in 2002. After all outstanding claims were settled, any remaining ALARIE assets were distributed to subscribers. Aspen View Public Schools received \$189,000, which the board voted to transfer to capital reserves.

### Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 13, 2018  
10 a.m. - Division Office  
(Organizational Meeting)

### Upcoming Events:

- August 29, 2018  
First Day for Students
- September 3, 2018  
Labour Day (No School)
- September 14, 2018  
Staff Work Day  
(No School for Students)

### Trustees:

- Ward 1 (North West):  
Nancy Sand
- Ward 2 (North Central):  
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Dennis MacNeil (Chair)
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