

Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held
Thursday, February 7, 2019
at Boyle 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.”

UCP candidate delegation

The Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools was pleased to welcome Glenn van Dijken, MLA for the current Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock constituency and United Conservative Party (UCP) candidate for the new Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock constituency, to their meeting. The Board of Trustees has invited candidates in the upcoming provincial election to attend a board meeting to discuss education issues.



Glenn van Dijken, UCP candidate, Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock.

Mr. van Dijken commented that the UCP supports rural education funding that is equitable, rather than ‘one size fits all’, and would advocate as such within a review of the current K-12 education funding framework. Similarly, he indicated that the UCP supports equitable funding for student transportation.

Mr. van Dijken and the UCP Education Critic will visit H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake on Feb. 11 to learn more about the need for its replacement.

Trustees also shared information on the Public School Boards Association of Alberta ‘Together for Students’ campaign.

MLA delegation

Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater MLA Colin Piquette also attended the meeting at the invitation of the Board. Mr. Piquette recently announced that he will not be seeking the NDP nomination in Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock.

Trustees thanked him for his support and advocacy through his role as MLA.

Mr. Piquette indicated that there is agreement within the current government to review the K-12 education funding framework, transportation funding and student ride times; however, timelines for those reviews are unclear.

Mr. Piquette applauded Aspen View and the Smoky Lake community’s advocacy efforts towards a replacement for H.A. Kostash School, and that it is being included in budget deliberations.

Trustees also shared information on the Public School Boards Association of Alberta ‘Together for Students’ campaign.

Mr. Piquette closed by encouraging the Board to continue their advocacy to ensure rural schools have the tools necessary for students to be successful.

Other highlights

- The Board of Trustees approved Boyle School’s request for an international field trip to Belize in Spring 2020.

- Great Beginnings pre-Kindergarten programs, launched in 2013, have since expanded to five Aspen View schools. Superintendent Neil O’Shea shared that a contractor has been secured to audit the program and provide recommendations for future programming.

- The Board of Trustees reviewed the new Teaching Quality Standard, Leadership Quality Standard and Superintendent Quality Standard, which are slated for implementation in September 2019. More information about the standards can be found [here](#).



Colin Piquette, MLA Athabasca-Sturgeon-Redwater.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 21, 2019
10:00 a.m. - Division Office

Upcoming Events:

February 14-15, 2019
Teacher’s Convention
(No School)

February 18, 2019
Family Day
(No School)

March 3-5, 2019
2019 Alberta Rural Education
Symposium
Edmonton

March 11, 2019
Council of School Councils
4:30 p.m., EPC

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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