

# Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held  
Thursday, June 13, 2019  
at Landing Trail Intermediate 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.”*

## 2019-20 Spring Budget

The Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools unanimously approved the 2019-20 Spring Budget as presented by administration.

As a provincial budget has not yet been tabled, Aspen View’s spring budget is based upon a number of assumptions regarding funding. As well, Aspen View forecasts an enrolment decrease of 67 students for the 2019-20 school year. Total budgeted revenue is expected to be just over \$43.0 million.

School-based expenditures have been budgeted to remain consistent with 2018-19 expenses, while non-school operating expenditures have been budgeted to decrease by approximately \$248,000. Combined, the total expense budget has decreased by approximately \$134,000. Total operating expenditures are budgeted at just over \$43.5 million, resulting in a budgeted deficit of \$497,666.

## RhPAP

The Board of Trustees heard a presentation from Kim Fleming of the Alberta Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) regarding its efforts to attract and retain health professionals in rural Alberta, as well as its efforts to encourage rural students to pursue post-secondary training towards careers in rural health care. Trustees expressed a desire to work with local municipalities in this regard, as Aspen View is currently challenged by a shortage of health professionals in its communities, including speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, mental health professionals and others.

## LEED® Gold for new EPC

Secretary-Treasurer Amber Oko informed the Board of Trustees that the Edwin Parr Composite (EPC) School replacement project has achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design™ (LEED®) Gold certification from the Canada Green Building Council.

LEED® is an internationally recognized green building rating system, incorporating factors such as energy efficiency, material recycling, waste reduction, air quality, innovative design and efficient water use.

## HAK stakeholders meeting

Superintendent Neil O’Shea and Trustees Tom Mykytiuk and Donna Cherniwchan represented Aspen View at a June 12, 2019 H.A. Kostash (HAK) School stakeholders meeting that also included representatives from Smoky Lake County, the Town of Smoky Lake, the Village of Vilna and the Village of Waskatenau. The group committed to working together in advocacy for the replacement of HAK, as well as towards addressing community needs should a new school be approved.

## Bill 8: Education Amendment Act

Superintendent Neil O’Shea shared with the Board of Trustees a list of impending changes as Alberta shifts from the School Act to an amended Education Act. Communication will be shared in the coming weeks from a number of stakeholders, including Alberta Education, the Alberta School Board Association and the Public School Board Association of Alberta, on the implications of the changes to the legislation and its regulations. Superintendent O’Shea pledged to share the information with trustees as it becomes available.

## Other highlights

- Superintendent O’Shea shared with the Board that Aspen View has reestablished its Summer School program, offering Career & Life Management (CALM) 20 and Physical Education 10 through Edwin Parr Composite School in July 2019.
- A junior high school trip to eastern Canada from Edwin Parr Composite School in May 2020 has been approved by administration. Trustees encouraged other schools to consider similar junior high trips.

## Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, June 27, 2019  
10 a.m. - Edwin Parr  
Composite School

## Upcoming Events:

- June 13-27, 2019  
Diploma Exams
- June 20-26, 2019  
Grade 6 & 9 PAT Exams
- June 21, 2019  
Indigenous Peoples Day
- June 28, 2019  
Last Day of School

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