

Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held
Thursday, March 7, 2019
at Vilna 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.”

Funding framework

At the 2019 Alberta Rural Education Symposium held in Edmonton March 3-5, Education Minister David Eggen announced a commitment to begin work on a new funding formula for K-12 education in Alberta.



Aspen View trustees, administration and municipal partners attended the 2019 Alberta Rural Education Symposium.

Edwin Parr Award nominee

Ms. Megan Ledieu was announced as Aspen View's nominee for the Edwin Parr Teacher Award, presented annually by the Alberta Schools Boards Association to six outstanding first-year teachers from across the province. Ms. Ledieu currently teaches Food Studies and senior high English at Edwin Parr Composite School.



Edwin Parr Award nominee Megan Ledieu

Grassland high school pilot project

For the 2018-19 school year, Grade 11 & 12 students from the Grassland School attendance area are attending Boyle School as part of a pilot project. A stakeholder meeting will be held in the Grassland School gymnasium on Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. to review the pilot project and results of surveys of participating students and parents; and discuss options for 2019-20.

FNMI learning

Associate Superintendent Karen Penney shared with the Board of Trustees some of the work she has been doing to support FNMI (First Nations, Metis & Inuit) learning, which is featured significantly within the new curriculum.

School administrators are focusing on the FNMI components within both the Leadership Quality Standard and the Teacher Quality Standard, and are working with teachers to embed FNMI learning within curriculum delivery. A division-based curriculum roll-out plan is also being developed.

Additionally, Dr. Penney shared that she is developing a database of elders and knowledge keepers to work with schools, and also working with principals on next year's Land-Based Learning camps.

Other highlights

- Secretary-treasurer Amber Oko shared that implementation of the Mandatory Entry Level Training (MELT) Program for school bus drivers has been pushed back to July 31, 2019. While the new date will help current drivers secure the necessary endorsements, concerns remain that the 53.5 hours of training required under the MELT program and the cost of training may create barriers for school divisions and make driver recruitment more difficult.

- Discussion took place regarding the recent Ministerial Order prohibiting the use of 'seclusion rooms'. Superintendent O'Shea said he will provide an update at the April 4 meeting of the types of spaces used within Aspen View, but noted that Aspen View does not use any spaces that meet the definition of a seclusion room.

- The Board of Trustees approved, in principle, Edwin Parr Composite School's request for an international field trip to Thailand in spring 2020.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 4, 2019
10:00 a.m. - Grassland School

Upcoming Events:

March 25-29, 2019
Spring Break (No school)

April 1-9, 2019
Diploma Exams

April 12, 2019
Staff Work Day
(No school for students)

April 19 & 22, 2019
Good Friday, Easter Monday
(No school for students)

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