

Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held
Thursday, May 16, 2019
at Aspen View Public Schools Division Office



“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.”

Transportation Fees

The Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools unanimously supported the recommendation of the Transportation Committee that student transportation fees remain unchanged for the 2019-20 school year.

Busing of students who reside less than 2.4 km from their designated school remains subject to an annual fee of \$75 per student, up to a maximum per family of \$200.

Busing of students to an alternate address, such as a babysitter or workplace, is subject to an annual fee of \$75 per student.

Yard pick-up/drop-off at rural residences, other than for approved medical or safety reasons, is subject to an annual fee of \$100 per address.

Transportation fees remain suspended for school of choice (busing students to a school other than their designated school). However, in those instances, parents/guardians are responsible for transporting those students to an assigned bus stop for the school of choice.

Transportation services will be provided on a first-come, first-serve basis pending the payment of any associated fees or an approved waiver application.

Honouring Spirit Award

The Board of Trustees will recognize Landing Trail Intermediate School Grade 5 student Mason Griffiths at their June 13 board meeting. Mason was one of 12 students from across Alberta to receive an *Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Award* on May 11, 2019.

The *Honouring Spirit: Indigenous Student Awards*, sponsored by the Alberta School Boards Association, recognize First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who model strength and commitment in the pursuit of their personal education path; and embrace their own gifts, strengths and potential while celebrating the ways of their people. Students are nominated

by members of their education communities, based on exemplary leadership, courage and commitment to their cultures and educational paths.

The Board of Trustees also voted unanimously to send letters of congratulations to Mason and 10 other Aspen View students who received certificate of honourable mention for the award. Students who received honourable mention will be recognized at the school level at an assembly where the local trustee will be in attendance.

Policy making

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved amendments to Policy 10 - Policy Making. The primary change is the inclusion of a clause which enables the Board or the Policy Committee to consult or involve stakeholders in the development, review and/or rescinding of policy statements, through school councils, the Teacher-Board Advisory Committee or other means.

HAK advocacy

The Board of Trustees has sent letters to new members of the Alberta Government cabinet, including Education Minister Hon. Adriana LaGrange and Infrastructure Minister Hon. Prasad Panda, continuing Aspen View's advocacy for the replacement of H.A. Kostash School in Smoky Lake.

Dual credit graduation

Superintendent Neil O'Shea informed the Board that Aspen View dual credit students will be among those recognized at Portage College's convocation on June 7, 2019. The students have earned certificates in either Pre-Employment Cooking or Pre-Employment Heavy Equipment Technician. Through a dual credit partnership between Aspen View and Portage College, each of the students has earned both their college certificate and high school credits.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, June 13, 2019
1:15 p.m. - Landing Trail
Intermediate 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

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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