



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 Thursday, October 4, 2018
at Whispering Hills Primary School



Student enrollment count

Updated student enrollment figures for Aspen View Public Schools are higher than expected.

As of September 28, 2018, total division enrollment is 2,777 students, which is 90 students more than projected and 10 students more than last year. Secretary Treasurer Amber Oko noted that the enrollment figures presented to the Board of Trustees must still be reconciled, but are not expected to change significantly.

The updated enrollment totals will be used to calculate Alberta Education funding estimates, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees in November as part of the Fall Budget Update.

Transportation ride times

Trustees were presented with a summary of current school bus ride times.

Presently, 10 of 62 bus routes start prior to 7:15 a.m., however, the Aspen View Transportation Department is confident that number can be reduced to five in the coming weeks by adjusting routes and once ongoing road construction projects are complete.

The Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees will also be reviewing Policy 18 - Student Transportation, particularly to address how alternate pick-up and drop-off location requests may be affecting ride times for rural students.

The 62 bus routes serving Aspen View schools travel a total of 10,540 km each day.

Old EPC building

As a first step in the process of demolishing the old Edwin Parr Composite School building, the Board of Trustees awarded a contract for hazardous materials assessment and monitoring. Once prepared, this assessment will be reflected in a Request for Proposals for demolition of the building.

The cost of the demolition, including the hazardous materials assessment, is included in the grant agreement with Alberta Infrastructure.

As per the land transfer agreement that facilitated the construction of the new EPC, Aspen View is required to provide Athabasca University with a remediated site of the old EPC.

Other highlights

- Each year, the Board of Trustees provides \$300 scholarships to Grade 12 students with an average over 80 per cent, as well as watches to those with an average of over 90 per cent. For the 2017-18 school year, 26 students earned scholarships and eight earned watches.

- The Board of Trustees unanimously passed a motion to engage a collection agency to collect outstanding fees for non-essential transportation services provided in previous years, including alternate pick-up/drop-off locations, school of choice and less than 2.4 km.

- The Board of Trustees approved a contract for hydroseeding of recreation fields at the new Edwin Parr Composite School.

- Superintendent Neil O’Shea reported that Aspen View procedures are being reviewed by legal counsel to assure they appropriately account for the forthcoming legalization of cannabis.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, October 18, 2018
10 a.m. - Division Office

Upcoming Events:

November 2-9
November Diploma Exams

November 12
Day in Lieu (No school)

November 13-16
November Break
(No 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
- Ward 6 (South East):
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