

Board Highlights

from the regular meeting held
Thursday, October 18, 2018
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.”

HAK Advocacy

Aspen View Public Schools, H.A. Kostash School and its Parent Council have launched a public advocacy campaign to lobby the provincial government to approve the replacement of the existing school building. Stakeholders are encouraged to write letters to government, sharing their own unique experiences and observations about the current state of HAK, the school's role in the community, and how a replacement facility would positively impact their family and community. Stakeholders are also encouraged to engage the community in the campaign, including through the use of #newHAK in social media.

A goal of the campaign is to have 200 letters sent to the provincial government by mid-November. HAK will copy, address and mail all letters brought to the school office.

Accountability Pillar

The Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools reviewed the division's 2017-18 Accountability Pillar Overall Summary.

Aspen View earned positive evaluations in seven of 15 overall measures, including Excellent in Citizenship. Aspen View was evaluated as Improved Significantly in the Education Quality improvement measure, and Improved in four other improvement measures.

The Accountability Pillar will be fully presented within Aspen View's 2017-18 Annual Education Results Report and 3-Year Education Plan, which will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in November.

SOGI 1-2-3

Aspen View Public Schools is one of six school divisions in the province participating in the Alberta SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) Educator Network. Amy Kucherawy, Aspen View's SOGI district lead, shared with

the Board of Trustees that Aspen View already has inclusive policies in place; next steps include creating inclusive environments and providing teaching resources.

K-4 Curriculum

Donna Wesley, Director of Curriculum, presented information to the Board of Trustees regarding the draft K-4 Curriculum, recently released by Alberta Education and currently scheduled for initial implementation in December 2018.

Alberta Education is currently collecting stakeholder feedback on the draft K-4 curriculum, and plans to update curriculum for all grades by 2022.

School maintenance projects

Trustees reviewed Aspen View's three-year Infrastructure Maintenance Renewal (IMR) plan. \$823,500 in school maintenance projects are planned for 2018, including roof repairs at Boyle School and H.A. Kostash School; boiler replacement at Smith School; storm sewer line replacement at Landing Trail Intermediate School; as well as energy/electrical control upgrades and other smaller projects at most school facilities.

IMR projects are funded through a designated provincial grant.

Other highlights

- Recruitment has begun for the position of Associate Superintendent with Aspen View Public Schools.
- Upcoming field trips presented to the Board of Trustees for information included a junior high trip by Grassland School to Vancouver Island; and the Edwin Parr Composite School trip to the Worlds Cheerleading Competition in Florida.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, November 1, 2018
10 a.m. - Thorhild Central
School

Upcoming Events:

October 24-26
Public School Boards
Association of Alberta
Fall Conference

November 2-9
November Diploma Exams

November 12
Day In Lieu (No School)

November 13-16
November Break
(No school)

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