



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, September 13, 2018
at Aspen View Public Schools Division Office



Organizational meeting

The Aspen View Public Schools Board of Trustees held its annual organizational meeting prior to the regular meeting. Trustee Candy Nikipelo (Ward 3 - North East) was acclaimed to remain as vice-chair of the board for a one-year term, and other trustees were appointed to various internal and external committees. Trustee Dennis MacNeil (Ward 2 - North Central) remains as board chair, as he was acclaimed in 2017-18 to a two-year term.

The Board also voted unanimously to leave trustee remuneration rates unchanged at this time.

Preliminary enrollment

Preliminary student enrollment numbers were shared with the Board of Trustees. As of September 6, 2018, total student enrollment across Aspen View was 2,740 students, which is 53 students above the projected total.

Administration emphasized that the reported numbers are extremely preliminary and may change substantially before the official student count, for Alberta Education funding purposes, takes place on September 28, 2018.

Aspen View's projected K-12 enrollment for 2018-19 is 2,687 students, which forecasts a decrease of 60 students from 2017-18.

H.A. Kostash School assessment

Aspen View Public Schools received a copy of a Project Feasibility Assessment and Life Cycle Cost Analysis for H.A. Kostash School, commissioned by Alberta Infrastructure. The report confirms facility deficiencies previously noted in Aspen View's capital plan submissions, including issues with mechanical systems, sprinkler systems and roof areas. Trustees voted unanimously to send a letter to the Ministers

of Infrastructure and Education, highlighting the report's recommendations and further emphasizing the need for the Government of Alberta to approve H.A. Kostash for a school replacement project.

School Nutrition Program

Through the expansion of the Alberta Education School Nutrition Program, Aspen View Public Schools will provide healthy eating options for K-6 students in all its schools in 2018-19.

Two initiatives launched under the program in 2017 — the Vilna School lunch program and the Smith School morning snack program — will continue. Five other schools — Boyle, Grassland, Rochester, H.A. Kostash and Thorhild Central — will each implement morning snack programs, while Whispering Hills Primary School and Landing Trail Intermediate School will enhance their existing 'Grab and Go' breakfast programs.

Each school program will be reviewed monthly to determine participation rates and best practices, and may be adjusted to best suit students' needs.

Other highlights

- The Alberta School Immunization Program has been changed to move Grade 5 immunizations to Grade 6, starting in 2019-20. The immunizations also switch from three immunizations to two. The Grade 9 immunization program is unchanged.

- The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the addition or renewal of 13 different locally developed courses. Locally developed courses are high school credit courses, available within specific schools based on student enrollment and availability of instructors.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, October 4, 2018
10 a.m. - Whispering Hills
Primary School

Upcoming Events:

September 30:
Orange Shirt Day
(School recognition on
September 28)

October 5, 2018
World Teachers' Day

October 5, 2018
Staff Work Day
(No school for students)

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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