

Board Highlights

“Aspen View Public Schools is committed to preparing our students to achieve success and reach their unique potential through the provision of diverse learning opportunities.”



From the regular meeting held Thursday, March 20, 2025 at Thorhild Central School

Edwin Parr Award nominee

Sarah Bilsky, a Grade 4 teacher at Landing Trail Intermediate School, was announced as Aspen View Public Schools' nominee for the Edwin Parr



Aspen View Public Schools' Edwin Parr Teacher Award nominee Sarah Bilsky.

Teacher Award, which is presented annually by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) to six outstanding first-year teachers from across the province.

The Edwin Parr Teacher Award was established in 1964 to honour long-time Athabasca-area school trustee Edwin Parr, who also served as president of the Alberta School Trustees' Association (now the ASBA) from 1956 until his passing in 1962. The Edwin Parr Teacher Awards will be presented in May 2025.

Attendance boundary review

Dr. Lorne Parker and Jennifer Thompson of Focus 10 Educational Consulting Group Inc. presented the Board of Trustees with their review of Aspen View Public Schools' attendance areas. The review included analysis of current bus routes and school capacities, as well as stakeholder feedback collected through surveys and in-person engagement sessions held in the Rochester and Smoky Lake/Vilna areas.

In their review, Focus 10 recommended that areas on the northwestern edge of the current Vilna attendance area be shifted to the Smoky Lake attendance area; and that the current Rochester attendance area be redistributed to a combination of both the Athabasca and Thorhild attendance areas. No other attendance area changes were recommended.

The Board of Trustees passed a motion to accept the review as information. It will meet with the Transportation Department to review the recommendations and alternatives, and bring forward any proposed boundary changes at a board meeting later this spring.

Capital Plan

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Aspen View's Capital Plan for submission to the provincial government. The division's highest priorities continue to be modernizations of Landing Trail Intermediate School and Smith School, which are both included on the three-year capital plan. Listed on the 10-year capital plan are modernizations of Grassland School, Boyle School and Whispering Hills Primary School.

Capital plans from school divisions across Alberta are reviewed by the provincial government, in consideration of new school construction/modernization projects.

Other highlights

- The Board of Trustees unanimously passed second reading of amended versions of both *Policy 13 — Appeals Regarding Student Matters* and *Policy 33 — Welcoming, Caring, Respectful & Safe Environments*.
- The Board of Trustees approved, in principle, its meeting schedule and work plan for the 2025-26 school year. As currently proposed, 10 regular Board meetings will be held over the course of the school year.
- The Board of Trustees approved internal evaluations of both the Board and Superintendent, both of which will take place in May 2025.

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, April 17, 2025
10 a.m. - Athabasca University

Upcoming Events:

- March 24-28, 2025
Aspen View STEM Week
- March 31 - April 4, 2025
Spring Break
- March 31 - April 10, 2025
April Diploma Exams
- April 17, 2025
Professional Learning Day
(no school for students)

Trustees:

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Brenda Fulmore
- Ward 2 (North Central):
Anne Karczmarczyk
(Vice Chair)
- Dennis MacNeil
- Ward 3 (North East):
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“Aspen View Public Schools acknowledges Treaty 6 territory: the ancestral and traditional territory of the Cree, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, as well as the Métis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those on whose territory we reside or are visiting.”