



# Aspen View PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## 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, June 19, 2025 at Athabasca University

### Literacy update

Katherine Mann, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Technology, provided the Board of Trustees with a literacy update.

Common writing assessments delivered this year indicated similar achievement to the previous year. A continued area of focus next year will explicit teaching of writing structures.

Reading Comprehension Assessment Tool (RCAT) results indicated improvement in the percentage of students achieving the standard of excellence. Professional development for next year will focus on the use of RCAT resources, which has been newly adopted by Aspen View as a benchmarking metric.

### School fees

The Board of Trustees approved the school fee schedule for 2025-26. Secretary-Treasurer Amber Oko shared that school administrators have updated fees to reflect cost increases, planned programs and field trips, and have removed fees that are no longer required.

Secretary-Treasurer Oko noted that fees are assessed on a cost-recovery basis, and that the fee schedule outlines the maximum amounts schools may charge for student participation in specific programs and activities. Each school has a waiver process in place to ensure that financial need does not prevent student participation.

### Plant operations & maintenance update

Paul Feledichuk, Manager of Facilities and Operations, provided the Board of Trustees with a plant operations and maintenance update.

Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) projects have been completed at Edwin Parr Composite School, Landing Trail Intermediate School and Thorhild Central School. Eight other IMR projects and one Capital Maintenance Renewal (CMR) project are currently underway at four schools, and

three other IMR projects also began in June. All projects are on track to be completed by the end of August 2025.

He shared that between September 1 - June 12, 2025, the maintenance department completed 935 school-based work requests, with 44 more requests currently in progress.

### Aspiring leadership

The Board of Trustees received a presentation from consultant Dr. Sandra Woitas, who was contracted by Aspen View Public Schools to facilitate an Aspiring Leadership Cohort comprised of principals and assistant principals who are new in their roles. The cohort met three times over the 2024-25 school year.

Dr. Woitas observed that the size of division creates a challenge; the cohort has helped administrators get to know each other better, so that they are more comfortable calling upon each other for input and advice. She added that administrators would also like the Superintendent to be present in schools more often.

Next year, Dr. Woitas plans to visit each school to better understand each administrator's reality, followed by continued group and one-on-one sessions.

### EPC solar panels update

The Board of Trustees passed a motion directing administration to consult with experts in industrial and commercial solar energy to provide information so that the Board can make an informed decision on the future of the solar energy project at Edwin Parr Composite School.

The solar array will be removed from the roof of EPC this summer to facilitate warranty roof repairs. A decision on whether to reinstall the solar array, or where, has been deferred until additional information is obtained.

### Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 18, 2025  
10 a.m. - Smith School

### Upcoming Events:

August 20, 2025  
School offices reopen

August 25, 2025  
First day for staff

August 28, 2025  
First day of classes  
(Except staggered entry at EPC)

September 1, 2025  
Labour Day

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