



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 5, 2017
at Rochester School



Attendance initiative

One of Aspen View Public Schools' system priorities for 2017-18 is to initiate a focus on attendance as fundamental to student success. Research demonstrates that missing 10 per cent of available instructional days (approximately 18 days) can have a significant consequence on the development of students, including becoming at risk of negative academic, economic, mental, health and legal outcomes. Recent North American studies suggest that approximately 10-15 per cent of students demonstrate problematic absenteeism.

Aspen View's attendance initiative is modeled after a similar campaign developed by Rocky View Schools. As an initial step, Aspen View has begun a process to standardize attendance protocols across the division. Consistent use of terminology and record keeping will provide Aspen View with more accurate data with which it can better analyze attendance patterns and identify solutions.

Once the new attendance protocols are in place, a public education campaign will commence to inform stakeholders of the importance of consistent school attendance.

Student enrolment count

The Board of Trustees was presented with updated student enrolment figures, as of September 29, 2017.

Total division enrolment is 2,767 students, which is slightly above the projected enrolment of 2,745 students. The enrolment figures presented to the Board of Trustees are still preliminary, as they must be reconciled to assure that the movement of students between school jurisdictions is accurately reflected.

The impact of the enrolment totals on Aspen View funding will be determined and presented to the Board of Trustees in November as part of the Fall Budget Update.



During their Oct. 5 meeting, Aspen View school board trustees took part in Rochester School's annual Day of Prayer.

of soccer pitches that were impacted by the new school's construction. As part of this process, the Board of Trustees authorized the construction of a storm pond to facilitate drainage from the sports fields and soccer pitches. The cost to construct the storm pond, approximately \$60,000, will come from capital reserves previously set aside by Aspen View in anticipation of costs associated with the Edwin Parr Composite School project not eligible for provincial funding.

School Act feedback

Following Aspen View's participation in a stakeholder consultation session regarding potential amendments to the *School Act*, the Board of Trustees voted to submit an additional written submission to Alberta Education. Overall, Aspen View maintains that the *School Act* should maintain and respect the authority of elected school boards to make informed, evidence-based decisions on what is best for the students they each serve.

Other highlights:

- The organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees has been rescheduled to Friday, October 20 at 1 p.m.
- Justin Gross has been appointed as acting vice principal at Thorhild Central School.

EPC storm pond

Aspen View Public Schools is responsible for the construction of sports fields at the new Edwin Parr Composite School, as well as the replacement

Next Board Meeting:

Friday, October 20, 2017
1 p.m. - Division Office
(Organizational Meeting)

Upcoming Events:

October 16:
School Board Elections

November 13-17:
November Break

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):
Vacant
- Ward 5 (South Central):
Elohne Chizawsky
- Ward 6 (South East):
Donna Cherniwchan

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