



<p><b>Call to Order</b></p>	<p>Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 with the following members present:</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Candyce Nikipelo, Chair</td> <td>Aspen View Northeast</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anne Karczmarczyk, Vice Chair</td> <td>Aspen View North Central</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dennis MacNeil</td> <td>Aspen View North Central</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nancy Sand</td> <td>Aspen View Northwest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donna Cherniwchan</td> <td>Aspen View Southeast</td> </tr> <tr> <td>April Bauer</td> <td>Aspen View Southwest</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vacant</td> <td>Aspen View South Central</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Administration:</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Neil O'Shea</td> <td>Superintendent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aimee Hirtle</td> <td>Secretary Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tammy Ledieu</td> <td>Executive Assistant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ross Hunter</td> <td>Communications Officer</td> </tr> </table> <p>Chairman Nikipelo called the public meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with the playing of O'Canada followed by the Land Acknowledgement.</p>	Candyce Nikipelo, Chair	Aspen View Northeast	Anne Karczmarczyk, Vice Chair	Aspen View North Central	Dennis MacNeil	Aspen View North Central	Nancy Sand	Aspen View Northwest	Donna Cherniwchan	Aspen View Southeast	April Bauer	Aspen View Southwest	Vacant	Aspen View South Central	Neil O'Shea	Superintendent	Aimee Hirtle	Secretary Treasurer	Tammy Ledieu	Executive Assistant	Ross Hunter	Communications Officer
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<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<p>8.1 <b>Masking Protocol</b></p> <p>Board Chair Nikipelo welcomed everyone online to this special meeting advising that one agenda item will be presented and discussed at this meeting. As per Policy 7, all Trustees have waived the five-day notice period to hold a Special Meeting.</p> <p>Neil O'Shea, Superintendent, introduced the masking protocol item for discussion. Mr. O'Shea advised that the masking protocols are the only thing being discussed today; all other matters of the Return to School Plan remain as per the plan released in August 2021.</p> <p>Superintendent O'Shea reviewed the information presented advising that this discussion is being held by all provincial school boards. The most important factor is to keep students in school, and mitigate the risk for staff and students.</p> <p>Secretary Treasurer Aimee Hirtle reviewed in detail the current case and vaccination data that was presented.</p> <p>Superintendent O'Shea advised that since the provincial announcement on September 3, 2021, many parents have reached out with their opinion and requests with respect to masking in the schools. A question was raised with respect to the grades that this would include; Pre-K to Grade 12? Superintendent O'Shea advised that this would apply to K-12.</p>																						

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	<p>These children need to mask in public areas now, so would not be any different; these little children will be wearing in public, so want to reinforce this. Superintendent O’Shea reminded the Board of Trustees that this is a balanced approach.</p> <p>Chairman Nikipelo thanked Administration for pulling this information together. This is a difficult decision for a Board to make, but need to keep the safety of all students and staff as the priority.</p> <p>Superintendent O’Shea reviewed his recommendation to implement the masking protocol as a temporary measure in all schools, all school division offices and any other school division enclosed spaces beginning Wednesday, September 8, 2021 with a reassessment when the provincial masking mandate is lifted.</p> <p>Superintendent O’Shea suggested that the Board of Trustees hold a timed In Camera session to discuss the recommendation prior to passing a motion. Mr. Hunter advised that the live stream would be discontinued during the in camera session and restarted following the discussion. The meeting will be reconvened at 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>21-127</b>      Trustee MacNeil moved the meeting into camera at 10:17 a.m. to review and discuss the parent and staff emails received.      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p><b>21-128</b>      Trustee MacNeil moved the meeting out of camera at 10:48 a.m.      CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <p><b>21-129</b>      Trustee MacNeil moved that the Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools approve and implement the masking protocol as recommended.</p> <p>Trustee Cherniwchan spoke to the motion; the balanced approached is appreciated. As a parent, Trustee Cherniwchan does not want her children to be masked all day, however, in the public areas and close contact, masking would be appropriate. Learning in school, with teachers and with classmates is very important. Learning in school is optimal.</p> <p>Trustee Karczmarczyk indicated her appreciation to administration on preparing for this important meeting. Also the appreciation of the feedback from all parents on this important matter. This is an impossible decision that is being asked of the Board of Trustees to make. Hopefully this is temporary, and things will improve in the near future.</p>
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	<p>Trustee Bauer is aware this is not a popular decision to make however in order for the Board of Trustees to be over cautious; this is an important decision to make. Learning face to face is optimal. Over-protecting staff and students is the most important.</p> <p>Trustee MacNeil indicated his trust in the experts and the science indicates that it is necessary to take the steps required to mitigate the spread of COVID 19. The doctors and medical staff trust in the science; Trustee MacNeil also trusts the science.</p> <p>Chairman Nikipelo emphasized that this is a temporary measure. Chairman Nikipelo feels it is important to be over-protective rather than under-protected.</p> <p>The question was called.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p><b>21-130</b></p> <p>Trustee Karczmarczyk moved adjournment at 10:59 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">         Candyce Nikipelo, Board Chair     </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 40px;">   <hr style="width: 200px; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/>       Neil O'Shea, Superintendent     </div>

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