

# 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, September 14, 2023 at Aspen View Public Schools Division Office



Aspen View Public Schools Superintendent Constantine Kastrinos swears in Board Chair Candy Nikipelo (l) and Vice-Chair Anne Karczmarczyk.

## Organizational meeting

The Board of Trustees held its annual organizational meeting prior to the regular meeting. Trustee Candy Nikipelo was re-elected by acclamation to a two-year term as board chair, and Trustee Anne Karczmarczyk was acclaimed to remain as vice-chair for a one-year term. Trustees were also appointed to various internal and external committees.

## Human Resources update

Kim Carson, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources & Student Services, provided a human resources update.

Presently, Aspen View has 168.02 full-time equivalent teachers in classrooms — the highest number in the last three school years — as well as 143 support staff members. Recruitment continues to fill both teaching and support staff vacancies.

Aspen View plans to participate in career fairs at at least four Alberta universities this year, to support teacher recruitment efforts.

## Curriculum, assessment & professional development

Katherine Mann, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Technology, noted that the 2023-24 school year marks the mandatory implementation of new curriculum in K-3 Science and French Immersion Language Arts & Literature (FILAL); and Grades 4-6 English Language Arts & Literature and Math (ELAL). Work is also continuing to support K-3 ELAL and Math, which was introduced last year. Curriculum support is being provided through Tracy Lundell, Curriculum Coordinator.

Literacy and numeracy screens for Grade 1-9 students will take place throughout September, with supports in place to address areas of concern.

Approximately 46 professional development sessions on a variety of topics are being provided to staff within the first two months of the school year.

## Plant Operations & Maintenance project update

Secretary-Treasurer Amber Oko provided the Board of Trustees with an update on facilities projects completed at all schools over the summer, and commended Aspen View’s maintenance department for their hard work.

## Other highlights

- Board Chair Candy Nikipelo welcomed new Superintendent Constantine Kastrinos to his first board meeting in his new role.
- During the organizational meeting, trustees voted unanimously to maintain the same trustee compensation and expense rates set in September 2022.

## Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, October 5, 2023  
10 a.m. - Grassland School

## Upcoming Events:

September 30, 2023  
National Day for  
Truth & Reconciliation

October 5, 2023  
World Teacher Day

October 9, 2023  
Thanksgiving  
(No school)

October 10, 2023  
Professional Learning Day  
(No school for students)

## Trustees:

- Ward 1 (North West):  
Brenda Fulmore
- Ward 2 (North Central):  
Anne Karczmarczyk  
(Vice Chair)
- Dennis MacNeil
- Ward 3 (North East):  
Candy Nikipelo (Chair)
- Ward 4 (South West):  
April Bauer
- Ward 5 (South Central):  
Elohne Chizawsky
- Ward 6 (South East):  
Donna Cherniwchan

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