

HAK School Council-October 28, 2024

Student enrolment update:

Secretary-Treasurer Amber Oko provided the Board of Trustees with an update on Aspen View Public Schools' official enrolment, as recorded on September 27, 2024. Total division enrolment (K-12) is 2,585 students. This is 11 students fewer than projected, and 40 students less than the 2023-24 official enrolment. Some significant fluctuations in individual school enrolments were noted. Grassland School, with a total enrolment of 75 students, is 21 students above projection; and HAK is 18 students above projection. Thorhild Central School is 30 students below projection, and Whispering Hills Primary School is 15 students below projection. Not included in the enrolment count are pre-Kindergarten students, of which there are 73 registered across the division. Secretary-Treasurer Oko noted that the enrolment changes do not impact Aspen View's provincial funding for 2024-25, but will factor into future years' funding through the weighted moving average calculation.

Human Resources update:

Kim Carson, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources & Student Services, provided the Board of Trustees with a human resources update. Presently, Aspen View Public Schools has approximately 160 full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching positions filled across the division. Included in that total are 11 first-year teachers. Aspen View employs 124 school support staff members, in addition to centrally-based support staff. Aspen View also continues to partner with municipalities to support Family School Liaison Worker positions servicing all of our schools.

Student voice:

As part of Aspen View's ongoing student voice initiative, Vilna School Grade 9 student Ralena Heffley-Beaudry and Grade 12 student Alleanna Sunday addressed the Board of Trustees. Both students reside on nearby First Nations, and they explained what they appreciate about Vilna School, and why they choose to attend Vilna School over other school options available to them. They also expressed a desire for a broader range of optional classes, and enhanced learning spaces to support them. It was wonderful to hear from these two young ladies and listen to how much they appreciate their teachers and the support they have received at Vilna school.

Other highlights:

Ross Hunter, our Communications Officer, provided the Board of Trustees with an overview of the new division and school websites, which relaunched in late September. The Board of

Trustees unanimously approved, in principle, Edwin Parr Composite School's request for an international field trip to Australia during spring break in 2026. Following committee review, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved Policy 14 — Teacher Transfer Hearings with minor revisions. Policy 12 — Role of the Superintendent was also reviewed, but no changes were made.

Regarding School Council: On the school website let parents know what the council is working on. Ask parents what they would like to see on the agenda. Have the agenda posted prior to the meetings.

The Board went over the AERR report. Administrators will present a detailed report at their next school council meeting prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>.

There is a High School success coach meeting in November. Kathy Mann our Associate Superintendent will go over "making sure students know what they need to get into the field of choice". There are students in high school that have no idea what courses they may need to get into Nait, Grant MacEwan or the UofA.