

School Council Meeting

Attendance

- Sammie Jo Hoots
- Rita Gunderson
- Elizabeth Siemens
- Angie Hantel
- Candice Jensen
- April Bauer
- Nicole Anderson

Principles Report

- Will be sending home a survey to get feedback on sending progress reports home in paper format verses parents just accessing them online.
- Upcoming Dates
 - Cross Country Run October 2nd
 - Day of Thanks October 10th
 - School Pictures October 10th
 - Parent Teacher Interviews October 24th
 - November 6th is the possible date for No Stone Left Alone
 - November 8th tentative Remembrance Day Ceremony

Trustee Report

The Board had our organizational meeting September 12. At this meeting, we select a Board Chair for a two-year term, Candy Nikipelo, and a Vice Chair to a one-year term, Anne Karczmarczyk. We also select membership on all our internal and external committees, there are 21. We have seven board members representing six wards across the division. I am on Communications, Facilities, Grievance, Labor Support Staff, Policy, Finance, Student Voice, and Audit Committee.

There is an opportunity for parents to nominate a teacher for the Prime Ministers awards in teaching excellence in the areas of STEM and Early Childhood Education. The links to each information pages are below:

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmte-ppmee.nsf/eng/home>

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/pmaece-ppmepe.nsf/eng/home>

At the end of August, Ministerial Order 034/2019 came into effect that changed our legal name to "Aspen View School Division". We passed a motion at our first Board meeting of the year to leave our operating name "Aspen View Public Schools."

The entire Board met with Education Minister Adriana LeGrange and a few members of her staff on September 27. We had a wonderful discussion about all the wonderful things happening across our division and a few of the challenges we face being small and rural.

We have adopted our System Priority document for 2019-20.

We have our two main fall conferences coming up PSBA Oct 16-18 and ASBA Nov 17-19.

Our October 3, 2019 Board meeting scheduled at EPC has been moved to October 10 at Division Office.

- February 20th 2020 Board Meeting will be at the school

Council Executive

- **Candice Jensen** Chair
- **Sammie Jo Hoots** Vice Chair
- **Corissa Barriault** Secretary

Business arising from the minutes

- We will hear about the plan for the gym floor at the November meeting
- Counselling services at the school:
 - Shelley Borsma (from Division office) comes ever 2nd Tuesday to meet with children who need to talk with someone and have parental approval. If she speaks with a child in an emergency situation, parents will be informed after.
 - Sarah Lachance (from FCSS) comes every second Wednesday
 - Darlene Woodward (from FCSS) does small group and classroom presentations. Parents can choose to have their child sit out of these.

New Business

- Fundraising
 - School generated funds are now at zero. We need to be intentional and effective with our fundraising this year.
 - Mom's Pantry and Growing Smiles forms will be going out soon.
 - To raise money for the year end school trips we will be doing a bake sale at the Christmas concert
 - Elizabeth is looking for a Whoo's Reading Canadian alternative
 - Looking into doing another Dinner Theater in the spring
- Playground
 - We would like to expand our playground. We will look into getting hills and/or a climbing wall
- Activities hosted by School Council
 - Halloween Event on October 31st 1-2pm. Foods, games and the start of our Christmas outreach.

Next Meeting is November 5th @ 11:00am.