

## November School Council Update-April Bauer

Council of School Council's meeting was November 3 @ 6:30pm via Zoom. A few of the agenda items include reentry, our priority document, and Policy #1-Division Foundational Statements. As a Board of Trustees, we review every policy at least once over our four-year term. Policy #1 is on the agenda for our December committee meeting and we would appreciate some parental feedback. The policies submitted for first reading at the October 22 Board meeting were Policy #7-Board Operations, Policy #8-Committees of the Board, and Policy #19-School Fees.

Our Division wide enrollment numbers are down about 140 students. This translates to approximately \$1M in funding. Trustees across the province are advocating to the government to hold Divisions harmless for the drop in enrollment all divisions have seen this year. We are currently tracking where students that have not enrolled in a division are at this time.

The Board decided at the October 22 meeting to reimburse parents who provide transportation for their students when the bus has not been running for ten or more consecutive days. The reimbursement will be paid based on the transportation grant funding divided by the km and operational days minus a 5% administration fee.

Alberta Education has made Provincial Achievement Tests and the first round of Diploma exams optional. Aspen View has decided to opt out of PATs this year. Alberta Education will reevaluate diploma exams prior to each quarterly Diploma schedule.

Every year we look at schools that are at or below critical enrollment numbers based on the criteria laid out in Policy #15-School and Program Viability. The Board upheld Administration's recommendation to suspend any action related to student enrollment for the 2020/21 school year.

Our next Board meeting is November 19.