



William Aberhart High School School Council



William Aberhart High School School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 25, 2024

Chair: Farouk Gillani	Principal: Christos Sagriotis	Assistant Principals: Sebastien Fournier, Michael Scott, Jocelyn Vryenhoek
Vice-Chair: Olga Tourin	Secretary: Tracy Duncan	Student rep: Rotating
Key Communicators: Gitte Julien, Tanis James	Teacher Rep: Rotating	Members at Large: Shelley Wiart, Lisa Gibson, Mike Van Wensem, Nicole Rossi

Attendees: Josh Orzech, Shelley Wiart, Farouk Gillani, Jocelyn Vryenhoek (vice principal), Olga Tourin, Tanis James, Claire Sedula, Tracy Duncan

1. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Farouk G.
2. Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and Oct 2024 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Josh
3. Guest student or teacher presentations
 - Haina Lindsay (Miss Lindsay): This coming Thursday (Nov 28) will be the second annual culture day at Abe. Inviting all staff and students to come to school wearing something that represents their culture. Miss Lindsay is hoping for parent council to generate some buzz for our students to come to participate. Culture day is a full day event. At lunchtime we will have a few booths set up where students are displaying artifacts of their respective culture. China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Ukraine are some of the countries represented.
4. Principal/Administration update (Ms Vryenhoek):
Volleyball: all 4 teams did exceptionally well this year.
Calendar
Nov 27: grade 9 open house,
Weds Dec 4: swim and dive meet
Thurs Dec 5: winter concert @ Jubilee: Can buy tickets on the Jubilee Auditorium's website.
Friday Dec 13: Drama presenting Dracula: Can buy tickets at the door at Abe.
Sat Dec 15 Robotics competition,
Friday Dec 20: last day of classes prior to winter break.
Achievement indicator highlights:
High school completion 92.7/80.4 (3 year), 95.3/88.1 (5 year),
Diploma acceptable: 94/81.5,
Diploma Excellence 39.5/22.6



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School survey results:

Anxiety and depression down 6% and 8% respectively
general health and life satisfaction up 2% and 7% respectively.

Abe's achievement and well being results are encouraging and suggest we are trending in the right direction. High achievement while caring for student wellbeing.

Abe will post our school improvement results on our website on Dec1. School development plan will also be posted on our website on Dec1. To access, go to <https://williamaberhart.cbe.ab.ca/school> scroll to aberhart website / about us - Our school.

Aberhart's school development plan includes

- outcomes-based assessment
- well-being
- Truth & reconciliation, diversity and inclusion

We have 60 specialized program kids at Aberhart

5. School Council Update (Farouk G.):
 - Newsletter: Shelley and Laura will post the newsletter on Abe's google drive, and just put the link in the Abe Weekly Update
6. Key Communicator update (Gitte Julien and Tanis James):
 - We may be eligible for a \$500 ASCA card for community engagement
 - It would be great to use the ASCA card for a Kairos blanket exercise. WAMPA could be involved to use this as a truth and reconciliation project.
7. New Business:
 - Newsletter or additions to Abe weekly update?
 - Parent recruitment
 - Guest speakers
 - School WIFI: Instagram blocked Instagram but sports teams and bands use Instagram to communicate. Kids have missed practices.
8. Next meeting: January 27, 2024 at 7 pm and will be a hybrid meeting. See School Council page on school website for dates and details [William Aberhart High School \(cbe.ab.ca\)](https://williamaberhart.cbe.ab.ca)
9. Motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm by Tracy, seconded by Shelley. All in Favour. Adjourned.