



William Aberhart High School School Council

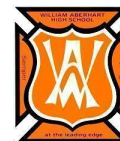


William Aberhart High School School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday May 5, 2025

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: Farouk Gillani, Dawna Morrow, Josh Orzech, Tracy Duncan, Christos Sagriotis (principal), Shelley Wiart, Julie Penner, Parissa Gillani, Tanis James

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Farouk G.
2. Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and Feb 2025 meeting minutes by Shelley, seconded by Josh.
3. Land Acknowledgement
4. Guest student or teacher presentation: none
5. Principal/Administration update
 - Presentation on School Development plan for Aberhart
 - Budget: ~8M. About 75% covers staffing and operational supports
 - Total staffing ~80 members
 - All school development plan info available on CBE website
 - School fees: For sports, trips, activities, artists in residence
 - AP exams right now, spring concert tomorrow, drama presentation May 14-15



Calendar

- May 5 – 16: **AP Exams**
- May 8: **Spring Concert @ Jubilee**
- May 14-15: **Drama Production**
- May 15: **Track and Field Divisional**
- May 16: **Non Instructional Day – No classes for students**
- May 22: **Grad Ceremony and Reception @ Grey Eagle Casino**
- May 24: **Track and Field City Championships**
- May 30: **Dance Performance**

June Exam Schedule

- June 10 - Last day of regularly scheduled high school classes
- Week 1: June 11 – 18
 - Exams – All grades
 - Class supports and targeted intervention
- Week 2: June 19-25
 - Diploma Exams
 - Individual/targeted credit recovery
 - Sharing of resources via D2L to support students next steps next year
- June 26– Mark Appeal

June exam schedule is available online

There will be a timetable change for next year: Mon-Thurs 8:54-3:30, Fri 8:54-1:15

2025-26 Timetable Changes

Monday – Thursday

- Start: 8:54 am
- End: 3:30 pm

Fridays

- Start: 8:54 am
- End: 1:15 pm

CBE System Wide

- Board wide transportation plan
- Traditional approach with an increase to direct instructional time for each class

Challenges

- High School Flexibility impacted
- Well Time (end of day support) eliminated
- Reduced morning tutorials

4 classes will be longer next year but there will not be an end-of-the-day WELL time. There will still be morning tutorials but they may be shorter than this year.



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Education support / morning tutorials have been in place at Aberhart for many years.

School needs:

School Needs		
Identified School Needs ranging from significant future needs to shorter term and less costly priorities	<u>Whole School</u> • School Bus • Both current buses are aging and repairs are significant • Estimated Cost - \$100,000 +	
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Electric school buses - motion was defeated at ASCA school council

Aberhart has a space on EducationMatters fundraising page and has received some money through EducationMatters for the score clock.

Wampa has also approached the school and offered to support some of the Aberhart priorities

Door closures: Side doors are being locked at 9:00 and students need to come in the front doors.

6. School Council Update (Farouk G.):

- Only one more meeting (May 26)
- On the May 26 meeting, we can discuss what to do at Aberhart Sept open house to recruit more parent council members

7. Key Communicator update (Tanis James):

- Attended COSC meeting a couple of weeks ago. Meeting on April 23 (2 weeks ago). Update from school trustees. The presentation is available online on CBE website. About 86 people present. Covered the budget update, capital planning update, and breakout rooms to meet local trustees. Met Patricia Volger (sp) in the breakout room. CBE having problems with the new budget. Received a \$55M increase in budget from the CBE, but there has been a per-child increase in real costs. CBE was hoping for \$238M. Increased special needs, school utilities. Per student funding lower in Alberta than other provinces. Implored everyone present to advocate to the province. Have seen 20,000 student increase. Project



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160,000 kids by 2029. Talked about overcrowding, 33 schools overflowing to other schools. Some conversation about how they do the capital planning.

- Trustees are happy to attend school council meetings, they just have to ask.
- Shelley says that the Alberta School Council Association has had its funding cut too (\$600,000 to \$15,000) ASCA will be forming a Facebook group for school councils
- Suggested inviting our school trustee to the second parent council meeting (the one after the AGM).
- Farouk will take the initiative to invite our school trustee to the next meeting

8. New Business:

- We received a letter from Mental Health Research for Kids. Their upcoming sessions are at community.hmhrc.ca/sessions
- Question for Christos: What is happening with Richard Van Kamp? He is planning to move forward with a plan for Abe's learning leaders. Christos will get a little report together for that and share for our next meeting.

9. Next meeting: May 26, 2025

10. Motion to adjourn at 8:53 pm by Farouk, seconded by Shelley. All in Favour. Adjourned at 8:53 pm.