



William Aberhart High School School Council



William Aberhart High School School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday October 28, 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: Nicole Rossi, Dawna Morrow, Huda Khan (student), Maria M, Audrey (student), Julie Penner, Mike VanWensem, Amy (student), Antonpreet Sandhu, Christina, Christos Sagriotis (principal), Gitte Julien, Shelley Wiart, Christina Wallace, Tanis James, Josh Orzech, Tracy Duncan, Farouk Gillani

1. Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Farouk G.
2. Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and Sept 2024 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Christina. Carried.
3. Guest student or teacher presentations
 - Huda, Audrey, Amonpreet, Amy presentation on student leadership. Started the year with a welcome back barbeque, Terry Fox, Halloween spirit week. Looking to have more community at Aberhart. Now doing some events based more in the community. Doing a coffee shop tomorrow to support the Refugee Center for Resilience. Trying to extend leadership / social action to support causes in the community. Coffee and cookies tomorrow, Texas Donuts Wednesday. Doing a TurkeyFest. Maybe jacket drive, food drive, or book drive. Supporting a Christmas/holiday spirit week, and a Mom's pantry where you can buy some frozen goods. TurkeyFest: Asking parent council for items to donate for silent auction. The idea of turkeyFest is a big buffet to celebrate the holiday season on the last day of school before the school break.
 - For silent auction items: contact M. Belan to donate (mrbeland@cbe.ab.ca). Will likely have a page on the Aberhart website with the details.
 - Would it be possible for the student leadership to collaborate with Friends of Orange for fundraising? Thinking of a gift card drive.
4. Principal/Administration update (Christos Sagriotis):
 - Cafeteria/food service: walk in freezer removed! Food menu: updated \$6 sandwiches and salads made in house popular, culinary team trying some hot food items such as lasagna this week.



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- School survey results (Abe 2024/Abe2023/Canadian Norm):
 - Sense of belonging: 73%/70%/62%
 - Anxiety 25%/31%/31%
 - Depression 21%/29%/34%
 - Self regulation 64/56/57
 - General health above canadian norms
 - Safe attending school 71/64/59%
 - Life satisfaction up 76/69/64%
 - CBE's 3-year system student accommodation plan: CBE planning works with area directors and communications and engagement services to balance student populations / enrolment. Potential actions: Change a school's boundaries or grades. At Aberhart, if there were any student accommodation changes, M Sagriotis would communicate via Abe Weekly Update or newsletter. Often CBE puts together a proposal / notes of any potential changes and allow dialog www.cbe.ab.ca/ssap.
5. Approval of 2023/24 School Council annual report: Motion to approve by Shelley, seconded by Tracy. All in favor, carried.
6. School Council Update (Farouk G.): Last meeting was the annual AGM. We are fortunate to have some new members take on some roles.
7. Key Communicator update (Tanis James):
- Oct 23 COSC meeting: Mostly introductory with information on what a school council does, and rules / regulations that apply. Encouraged us to join the Alberta council of school Councils, so we joined that. We are eligible for a \$500 gift card for community engagement. 143k students including 45k ESL students in the CBE. CBE schools are at 98% capacity. CBE offices downtown support families with English (for example). Schools are at their highest capacity in the north and south of Calgary. 13 sites are ready for schools now but schools take several years to build. Only construction taking place is a middle school in Evanston. Modular classrooms have been slow to arrive. Specialized learning budgets are squeezed.
 - Next COSC meeting will be April 24, 2025. There will be 3 scheduled learning opportunities for school councils Nov 4, 12, 26.
 - Minutes from the October 23 Council of school councils meeting are on the [COSC meeting page](#) below are some of the webpage links referenced during the COSC meeting:



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- Board Advocacy:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/advocacy-priorities/Pages/default.aspx>
- Board Results and Operational Expectations Policies:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/policies-and-regulations/Pages/Governance-Policies.aspx>
- Contact Information for the Board of Trustee:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/Pages/connecting-with-my-trustee.aspx>
- CBE Education Plan:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/about-us/about-the-cbe/Pages/education-plan.aspx>
- 2025-2028 Three Year Capital Plan:
<https://www.cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/Three-Year-School-Capital-Plan.pdf#search=three%20year%20capital%20plan>
- CBE School Council Handbook:
<https://cbe.ab.ca/FormsManuals/School-Council-Handbook.pdf>
- ASCA School Council Resource Guide:
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/181387>
- Alberta School Council Engagement Grant:
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/public/download/files/231419>

8. New Business:

- Shelley presented Valley Creek parents newsletter
- We could send out a link to the newsletter in the Abe Weekly Update
- Note from Arielle regarding Mind and Move: This program costs \$6000 and is sometimes funded by the parent council. Aberhart does a yoga class and does some in phys ed.

9. Next meeting:

- November 25, 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://www.cbe.ab.ca)

10. Motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM by Shelley, seconded by Christina . All in Favour. Adjourned.