



William Aberhart High School School Council



William Aberhart High School School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 25, 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: Josh Orzech, Shelley Wiart, Farouk Gillani, Christos Sagriotis, Charlotte Trudel (teacher), Tracy Duncan, Kate Stewart (eco club), Maya (eco club), Finn (eco club), Darcy Cumming, Tanis James, Claire Sedula, Lara Mack

1. Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Farouk G.
2. Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and Nov 2024 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Shelley. Carried.
3. Guest student or teacher presentation: Eco Club (Kate Stewart, Maya, Finn). Discussing Electric School Bus Proposal to the Alberta Council of School Councils' AGM
 - 6200 diesel buses in the province, 300,000 kids moved daily
 - noise, air quality, cost, climate concerns
 - At least 4 provinces are piloting ev school buses
 - Proposal is for AB to fund 7 pilot projects
 - Cons of electric: Upfront cost, ethics of lithium and cobalt production, performance in extreme cold weather (partially addressed with regenerative braking, heated driver seats, aux fossil fuel heaters), range
 - Benefits of electric: lower carbon emissions, savings on fuel and repairs, lower maintenance costs (60% lower). NPV = \$100k/lifetime. Improved student and driver health, lower noise pollution, safe for the sensory-sensitive
 - Why we care: Proposal strongly supported by Eco Club (individual testimonials)
 - Why Aberhart should support this proposal and also be a pilot school:
 - Should fund emerging technologies
 - We could pilot 1 bus that can be used in addition to our longer-range diesel buses for short trips in the city (e.g. Band, PE)
 - Diversity in schools: The other confirmed co-sponsor is an elementary school so good to pilot for high school use
 - excellent opportunity to educate our fellow students in electric vehicles and other solutions that are in the works
 - Only requires parent council signatures



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- Claire: has toured on an electric bus in Banff. Driver was a maintenance specialist and liked it but had some maintenance problems
- This is an initiative that is already ongoing in the province, the Eco Club would like us to participate in the pilot as well. The other participating CBE school is Sundance School.
- Mme Trudel to contact Farouk with information on the proposal for Aberhart to participate in the pilot project.

Motion to direct Tanis and Gitte to support this initiative at the ASCA meeting in April and also for Farouk to sign documents expressing Aberhart's willingness to participate in the pilot.

Motion by Tracy seconded by Lara All in favor, carried.

4. Land acknowledgement by Shelley
5. Principal/Administration update

Exam schedules

Week 1 Jan 13-17 : Exams - all grades

Week 2 Jan 20-24

- Exams - diploma and some grade 11
- Individual / targeted credit recovery (finishing projects, getting help, raising grade to pass)
- Sharing of Sem2 resources via D2L (not much uptake)
- Jan 27 final diploma exam

Semester 2 startup:

Jan 28 first day of semester 2

Jan 31 no classes, non-instructional day

Feb 13,14 Teachers convention (no classes)

Feb 17 No school Family Day

CBE will be doing language program monitoring including the French Immersion at ABE. Monitoring to find out what is successful and areas for improvement for the school.

There will be a French immersion program monitoring committee. Will collect data on enrolment, attrition, surveys for students, staff, and parents. Analyzing data / patterns / strengths/ areas for growth / opportunities. Establishing goals and creating an action plan. Will be looking for a parent volunteer for the committee.

Next meeting will include info on projections for next year school enrolments. Most schools in the CBE are quite full and might be closed.

Next 2-week break in June will start the date of the first exams

6. School Council Update (Farouk G.):
 - No updates



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7. Key Communicator update (Gitte Julien and Tanis James):
 - Next ASCA meeting in February: Tanis will be attending
 - When February's meeting comes around, we will create a process to evaluate ASCA business so Tanis and Gitte can represent Abe parent council
 - Steps to prepare for and vote for ASCA resolutions - Tracy and Farouk to add resolutions, etc. to agenda for any other parents who would like to participate
8. New Business:
 - Covered above
9. Next meeting: February 24 2025
10. Motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm by Shelley, seconded by Lara. All in Favour. Adjourned.