

Alexander Ferguson Elementary School Society AGM

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Society Members

Membership is optional. One Society membership per household.

2025-26 Board of Directors

President:	Natasha V.
Vice President:	VACANT
Secretary:	Jenn D.
Treasurer:	Nicole F.
Fundraising Director:	Lindsey P.
AGLC Director:	VACANT
Director Appointment:	Christine J.

Fundraising Coordinators

Casino Coordinator:	Rosemarie D.
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Attendees (12): 1) Helen S., 2) Natasha V., 3) Christine J., 4) Esther T., 5) Paul F., 6) Jennifer D., 7) Meley H. 9) Brittney S., 10) Sundararajan P., 11) Cing P., 12) Courtney J.

1) **Call to Order:** Natasha called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m. MDT

2) **Approval of Agenda and May 7, 2026 AGM Meeting Minutes**

Natasha: motion to approve the agenda. Second: Christine. Motion carried.

Natasha: motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2026 AGM. Second: Brittney. Motion carried.

3) **Financials and Fundraising Discussion.**

a) **Account Summaries.**

- Fundraising \$81,838.23
 - 2024/25 learning commons Accrued costs ~\$8.5k (shelves) – Actually can remove ~\$6k from this cost as we were not charged for labour, so can add this money back into the funds
 - 2025/26 picnic tables Accrued costs ~\$9.5k
 - **Balance post accruals = ~\$63.8k**
 - 2026/27 Accrued costs \$2.5k
 - Still discussing 2026/27 dream list, accrue ~\$20k
- Casino \$66,010.26
 - 2025/26 RFF Accrued costs ~\$17.5k – Anticipate being \$4k under budget here
 - 2025/26 dream list accruals \$10.5k

- **Balance post accruals = ~\$38.8k**
- 2026/27 RFF Accrued costs \$35k – Leaves ~\$4k left in casino funds, with 2027 casino date upcoming to refill this account.
- Awaiting 2027 Q1 casino dates
- OSC \$139,183.30
 - Accrued summer payroll, benefits, bills ~\$20k
 - Transferred \$20,000 to fundraising — Incl in the above total
 - Minimum preferred float ~\$100k
 - Insurance -\$8k (cost this month) – Discussed reasons for keeping a healthy float, such as upcoming end of year costs, insurance, etc

b) RFF Spending updates

2025/26 Approved RFF \$43,100:

Fundraising dollars: \$3,100 Spent \$2,591 (closed out)

- Agendas \$2,100 **Spent \$1,591**
- Teacher Supplies \$1,000 **Spent \$1,000**

AGLC dollars: \$35,000 + \$5,000 = \$40,000 Spent \$22,455

- Whole school artist residency \$13,000 **Spent \$9192 (Jeff Stockton)**
- Sports residences \$6,000 **Spent \$2,380 (Lacross)**
- Learning Commons \$3,750 (Additional books) **Spent \$2,100 + \$290**
- Field Trip/ In School Experience support \$4,000 (An amount will be allotted to each class) **Spent \$240 (teacher's pet) + \$1,785**
- Math/Music/Phys Ed/Classroom/Science supplies \$2,500 **Spent \$748 (science materials) + \$489 (xylophone mallets) + \$1,005 (chair bottoms)**
- Elders/Knowledge Keepers \$2,000
- Performances \$1000 **Spent \$762 (Artic Lights)**
- Adaptive Equipment \$1750 **Spent \$1,535 +\$741 = \$2,276**
- Gully Day \$1000 **Spent \$1,065**
- Biennial (every 2 years) Grade 5/6 Experience (Kamp Kiwanis) \$5,000

2025/26 Additional Approved Dream List RFF \$28,000:

Fundraising dollars: \$9,500

- Concrete for new picnic tables \$9,500

AGLC dollars: \$18,500, Accruals \$10.5k

- New learning commons books \$8,000 **Spent \$7,130**
- New picnic tables \$10,500

2024/25 Dream List Accruals \$8,500:

Fundraising dollars: \$8,500

- Learning commons shelving \$8,500

2. Fundraising Financial Discussion / Update

- Fundraising Survey results

See Table Below of results summarized

TOPIC	AVERAGE RATING
Classroom textbooks (when/if available to purchase, this could include online textbooks)	4.53
Class document projector cameras (\$200 each x 6 classrooms = \$1,200)	4.00
More money towards school fees like field trips (likely \$2,000-\$4,000)	3.83
One time use Handwriting books (\$20 each x 160 = \$3,200 for bulk order). We would be looking at this as a potential annual purchase...	3.35
More Blue Gym Mats (\$500 each x 6 = \$3,000)	3.28
Chrome book headphones (\$25 each x 80 = \$2,000)	3.18
Additional learning commons upgrades (\$5,000 - \$8,000)	3.06
Bluetooth keyboards (\$100 each x 15-20 keyboards = \$2,000)	2.76
Key Access to Mudroom Door (\$6,000) - at some point CBE will provide this, but it could be years of waiting	2.22
Maintenance of the Outdoor Mural (\$12,000)	2.00

NOTE: Reference data at the end of the agenda

Discussion:

- 19 responses to the survey on Fundraising wish list priorities
- Discussed responses and individual explanations for selections
- Discussed pattern of strong parental interest in material supplies that will impact children's daily learning in class and at home
- Discussed that mural is still an interest for families (not rated as 0, rated as a middle priority ~2). The school has been able to allocate funds to cover this cost, so discussion focused on remaining items and prioritization and timing of such
- Some orders would be placed soon, so 5 items were prioritized for funding at the current meeting, so they could be prepared for the fall: projector cameras, handwriting books, gym mats, headphones, learning commons upgrades.
- Some items were prioritized for further discussion in the fall: classroom books/resources, school fees, mudroom key access.
- Discussion on "classroom textbooks" item and what this could include: potentially at home learning resources, take home reading books, mathletics subscriptions that can be accessed from home, or other programs that families can access at home.
- Discussed school fees support: financial support person from CBE will have a visit to the school before the end of the year to meet with families and help them complete waivers to access support to pay outstanding fees.

Natasha: motion to approve \$8,000 for Learning Commons Upgrades, \$3,200 for one time handwriting books (K-4), \$1,200 for class document projectors, \$3,000 for blue gym mats, and \$2,000 for chrome book headphones. Second: Christine. Motion carried.

b. Fundraising events for 2025/26

- Grade 6 Farewell May 28, 2026 costs - \$314.16
 - Spent \$166.70 on food
 - Spent \$147.46 on decorations
- Family dance update – profit of \$393.88!
 - Income \$1,394.00
 - Expenses -\$1,000.12
 - Discussion on if we would have hired a DJ the event would have run a deficit
- Staff Appreciation update (budgeted -\$350) – Courtney is planning a potluck for June 18th
- June 24th all inclusive Pizza party – providing pizza and juice for everyone (regardless of payment).
- Year end popsicles June 26th (-\$150)
- Sept Welcome event discussion (Shaganappi movie night) on Saturday Sept 19th – previously anticipating 12th but screen is not available. Date is to be confirmed.
- Healthy Hunger is projecting to break even this year

d) September Welcome Event / Movie Night Funding Request for \$250

Natasha: motion to approve the September Welcome Event / Movie Night Funding Request for \$250. Second: Christine. Motion carried.

4. 2026/27 Priority List Funding Update

Approved RFF \$37,500

Fundraising dollars: \$2,500

- Agendas \$1,500
- Teachers Supplies \$1,000

AGLC dollars: \$35,000

- Whole school artist residency \$13,000
- Sports residences \$6,000

- Learning Commons \$3,750 (Additional books)
- Field Trip/ In School Experience support \$3,500 (An amount will be allotted to each class)
- Math/Music/Phys Ed/Classroom/Science supplies \$2,500
- Elders/Knowledge Keepers \$2,250
- Performances \$1250
- Adaptive Equipment \$1500
- Community Communications Day \$1,250

Discussion: The \$35,000 AGLC dollars spending has already been approved.

-Whole school artist residencies are a targeted budget, costs vary

-Artist and sport residencies are suggested and selected by teachers and families. CBE has a list that can be reviewed by the school, teachers view displays at teacher conventions, teachers hear from other teachers about excellent student experiences, and families suggest ideas.

5. Out of School Care (OSC) Update

- Completed Annual Affordability grant reporting
- Discussion on Offsite director position
- Appointment of additional bank signatory – Danielle Reilly
 - Danielle will be joining the OSC team as the Off Site Director likely in December 2026. She will also support with various administrative tasks and require access to the AFESS bank accounts.
- Discussion: affordability grant gives \$800/child for K.
- Discussion of new offsite director. Was held by Natasha this year, but suggesting to hire someone else into the position: Danielle Reilly.
- Danielle has experience with preschool administration, and is very familiar with reporting requirements. We will add the AGLC reporting tasks onto her role as well, to alleviate a large time/learning requirement of current school committee volunteers. Her work will be audited by the Society CFA Accountant on a monthly basis.
- Bev Soroka acts as the onsite director, she is retiring from CBE but will continue with OSC in her onsite role.

Natasha: motion to approve the addition of Danielle Reilly as a bank signatory, with two signatures to sign a cheque. She will have access to the online bank accounts to fulfill the OSC off site director position. Second: Christine. Motion carried.

6. Open Society Board Positions – Vice President

We would really like to find a person to step into the VP role to shadow for a year and then take over from Natasha. Natasha has held this position for 4 years, she is looking to step away from the society. Her children will still attend the school, so she would be available for consultation and support

7. New Business/Open Dialogue

- Completed Annual Government Registration
- Completed Annual AGLC Directors Update
- Request for \$250 for staff gifts (Mrs. Weber baby gift & retirement gifts)

Natasha: motion to approve request for \$250 for staff gifts. Second: Paul. Motion carried.

8. Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2026 following School Council

Please consider signing up now for next year's membership!

9. Adjournment at 8:48 p.m. MDT.

Society Bylaws found at: [AFESS Revised Bylaw May 252023.pdf \(cbe.ab.ca\)](#)

Get a head start for next year!

MEMBERSHIP: 2026-27 Alex Ferguson Society Membership form:
<https://forms.gle/TfX53ykqSy4sjPwp7> (Only one registration per school year needed)



Ongoing Fundraisers:

- **Skip the Depot:** Select Alex Ferguson for a donation at check out:
<https://skipthedepot.com/>
- **Mabels Labels:** Select Alex Ferguson as your organization when printing labels:
<https://mabelslabels.ca/>
- **Fundscrip** (purchase gift cards and a % goes back to the school)
<https://www.fundscrip.com/support-a-group/PX72UB>

Society Email: afes.society.board@gmail.com

President Email: afes.society.pres@gmail.com

Maintenance of the Outdoor Mural (\$12,000)	Additional learning commons upgrade (\$5,000 - \$8,000)	Key Access to Mural Door (\$6,000) - at some point CBE will provide this, but it could be years of waiting	One time use Handwriting books (\$20 each x 160 = \$3,200 for bulk order). We would be looking at this as a potential annual purchase...	More money toward school fees like field trips (likely \$2,000-\$4,000)	More Blue Gym Mats (\$500 each x 6 = \$3,000)	Chrome book headphones (\$25 each x 80 = \$2,000)	Bluetooth keyboards (\$100 each x 15-20 keyboards = \$2,000)	Classroom textbooks (when/if available to purchase, this could include online textbooks)	Classroom document projector cameras (\$200 each x 6 classroom ms = \$1,200)	Do you have anything else you would like us to consider for how we spend this fundraising money?
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3	4	1	3	3	2	2	2	5	5	I would prioritize the items that the other fundraising funds are not allowed to cover. For ex, if aglc funding can cover costs of textbooks, then I would prioritize that lower for this \$ because we have other options to meet that need. If Aglc won't cover the cost of infrastructure type stuff, so maybe we prioritize those types of items for this \$.
2.00	3.06	2.22	3.35	3.83	3.28	3.18	2.76	4.53	4.00	