

Alexander Ferguson Elementary School Society Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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.
Director Appointment: Christine J.

Fundraising Coordinators

Casino Coordinator: **VACANT**

Attendees (16): 1) Helen Sharpe, 2) Corrina Jackson, 3) Natasha V., 4) Christine J., 5) Jenn D., 6) Jackie M., 7) Jamie J., 8) Laura A., 9) Mune H., 10) Rosemarie D., 11) Cassy H., 12) Britney S., 13) Courtney J., 14) Scott B., 15) Dmytro P., 16) Lindsey P.

1) Call to Order: Natasha called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. MDT

2) Approval of Agenda and June 12, 2025 AGM Meeting Minutes

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

Natasha: motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2025 Meeting. Second: Britney. Motion carried.

3) Financials and Fundraising Discussion

Reviewed and discussed all the cost break downs from the agenda. Overall accounts all look healthy. The overall 2024/25 spend will be within the approved request for funds and accruals will be held until all bills from the 2024-25 school year are cleared.

a) Account Summaries

a. Fundraising Dollars = \$159,338.46

- Casino Account \$99,251.71
- Fundraising \$60,086.75

b. OSC \$114,848.35

c. Accrued Costs: ~\$17.5K

- 2024-25 Priority list = ~\$17.5k

b) Financial discussion for 2025-26

a. Fundraising target for 2025-26 school year = Break Even

- Income \$1,550:

1. Ongoing fundraisers (skip the depot, etc.) \$500
2. Fun Lunch \$500 (includes holiday lunch & booster juice all inclusive events)
3. Easter Purdy's \$300
4. Coupon books \$250

- Break even events:

1. 2025 Welcome event is the Shaganappi Movie night (Saturday Sept 13) – minimal costs incurred for popcorn bags and gloves
2. Dance historically has broken even

- Expenses -\$1,150:

1. Welcome back costs = -\$150
2. Grade 6 farewell spend -\$400
3. Year End Pizza Party -\$500
4. Year End Popsicles -\$100

- Teacher Appreciation discussion - \$400:

1. Two parent/teacher conference meals (-\$200 x 2)
2. Parent potluck for year end staff appreciation (\$0)

b. Casino Account

- April 2025 Casino payout in August of \$88,241!! Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered!!
- **Casino Upcoming Early 2027** (Jan, Feb, or March) – Volunteers will be needed next school year! Date to be announced by AGLC sometime in 2026. Target >\$60,000+
- **Still looking for a new Casino Coordinator**

c) AFESS Spending updates

a. June Farewell Costs = \$855

- Year end pizza party = \$332 (pizza) + \$105 (juice)
- Grade 6 Farewell = \$175 (ice cream) + \$164 (decorations)
- Farewell popsicles for the school = \$79

b. Welcome Back Costs = \$138 (flyer printing) + \$0 (movie flyer donation from Brittney Sim – thank you!!) + \$36 popcorn supplies

d) Ongoing fundraising for 2025-26: Target = \$500

a. Skip the depot (annual target \$400)

- b. Fundscript (annual target \$60)
- c. Mabel's Labels (annual target \$40)
- e) **Holiday lunch funding request for \$750**

Natasha: motion to request \$750 for holiday lunch. Second: Lindsey. Motion carried.

- a. Thursday Dec 18 (11:15am – 12:02pm)
- b. Whole school included regardless of payment (kindergarten participation with extended attendance hours)

4) 2024/25 Priority List Accruals Update

Reviewed and discussed the previous accruals from the 2024/25 priority list approved last school year (2024/25). Looking at fundraising accruals of approximately \$8.5K and AGLC accruals of approximately \$9k.

Approved RFF \$50k

Fundraising dollars: Spent to Date = \$8,121.20 / Accruals ~\$8.5k

- Agendas \$1,900; **Spent \$1,695**
- Learning Commons Upgrade: \$15,000; **Spent \$6,426.20**

AGLC dollars \$33k: Spent to Date = \$23.3k / Accruals ~\$9

- Jube school artist residency \$14,500; **spent \$13,125**
- Sports residences \$6,600; **Spent Fit Set Ninja \$4,064**
- In house field trips \$1,000 / Field Trips \$3,500; **spent \$3,501**
 - *Grades 2/3/4 Spent Wet Felting \$1,720*
 - *Grades 1/2/3 Ducklings \$680*
 - *Whole school reptile presentation \$676*
 - *Grades 1/2/3 Zoo field trip \$425*
 - *Teachers Pet \$XX*
- Learning Commons \$2,750 (Additional books); **Spent \$718**
 - *Additional Books \$XX*
 - *AGLC Approved shelving and organization \$718*
 - *More organizational materials \$XX*
- Adaptive Equipment \$750 + Math/Music/PE/Classroom/Science supplies \$2,000; **Spent \$1,404**
 - *PE Mats \$1,404*
 - *School laminator \$XX*
 - *Science purchases \$XX*
 - *Digital Piano \$XX*
- Elders/Knowledge Keeper \$2,000; **Spent \$515**
- Gully Day \$0

5) 2025/26 Priority List Funding Update from Helen

Reviewed and discussed the previously approved 2025/26 school priority list. No money has been billed to the society yet, but the school administration asked for an additional \$350 for more agendas given a higher student registration than originally planned in June 2025.

- a) Material from School Administration
- b) **Approved \$41,750 for 2025-26 Request For Funds (RFF) from the school**

Fundraising dollars: \$1,750 + \$350

- Agendas \$1,750 + \$350

Natasha: motion to request additional \$350 for agendas (more required than originally budgeted for). Second: Christine. Motion carried.

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

- Whole school artist residency \$13,000
- Sports residences \$6,000
- Learning Commons \$3,750 (Additional books)
- Field Trip/ In School Experience support \$4,000 (An amount will be allotted to each class)
- Math/Music/Phys Ed/Classroom/Science supplies \$2,500
- Elders/Knowledge Keepers \$2,000
- Performances \$1000
- Adaptive Equipment \$1750
- Gully Day \$1000
- Biennial (every 2 years) Grade 5/6 Experience (to be confirmed) \$5,000

- c) School Dream List Discussion (school enhancing based on feedback from teachers) - Helen listed some of the previously discussed dream list items; whisper phones, tables by the playground, upkeep of the outdoor school mural, 3D printer for the school, more blue mats, laminator table, back door key FOBs, music room xylophone stands.

6) Out of School Care (OSC) Update

Discussed some staffing updates. Overall great start to the year.

One Kindergarten space available.

The grade 1 – 6 program has increased spaces available from 45 children last school year to 50 children this year. As of September 25, 2025 the grade 1 – 6 program is full and all students that were on the waitlist from June 2025 have all been offered spots.

Exciting to offer all families needing care this year the option to enter the program!

7) Open Society Board Positions –Vice President & Casino Director

We would really like to find a Casino Director this school year (2025/26) to be prepared for the 2027 Q1 Casino. Please reach out to Natasha if you are interested.

8) New Business/Open Dialogue

Nothing to discuss.

9) Next Meeting Date: November 20, 2025 following School Council – Hybrid Format

10) Adjournment: Natasha adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m. MDT

Society Bylaws found at: [AFESS Revised Bylaw May 252023.pdf \(cbe.ab.ca\)](https://cbe.ab.ca/AFESS%20Revised%20Bylaw%20May%20252023.pdf)

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MEMBERSHIP: 2025-26 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>



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