

Alexander Ferguson Elementary School Society AGM

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Society Members

Membership is optional. One Society membership per household.

2024-25 Board of Directors

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

Fundraising Coordinators

Casino Coordinator:	Sunmi M.
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Attendees (20): 1) Helen Sharpe, 2) Matthew Littell, 3) Natasha V., 4) Christine J., 5) Lindsey P., 6) Ashley B., 7) Jennifer D., 8) Heysha C. 9) Annie Z., 10) Jody S., 11) Pam T., 12) Alessandro A., 13) Donald K., 14) Rosa R., 15) Alisha S., 16) Ankush G., 17) Satoko B., 18) Brittney S., 19) Tracey A., 20) Jared A.

1) **Call to Order:** Natasha called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m. MDT

2) **Proof of Meeting Notice and Quorum**

20 in attendance today. Quorum met (minimum of 5 outside school administration and Society board members).

3) **Approval of Agenda and February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

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

Natasha: motion to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2025 society meeting. Second: Satoko. Motion carried.

4) **Presentation of 2024-2025 Financial Statements for Approval**

RFF Spending update: 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: Spent to Date = \$6,299.61 / Accruals ~\$26.7k

- Whole school artist residency(Jube School) \$14,500
- Sports residences \$6,600
 - **Spent Fit Set Ninja \$4,064**
- Field Trips \$3,500 (An amount will be allotted to each class)

- **Grades 2/3/4 Spent Wet Felting \$1,720**
- Learning Commons \$2,750 (Additional books)
- Math/Music/PE/Classroom/Science supplies \$2,000
- Elders/Knowledge Keeper \$2,000; **Spent \$515.61**
- In house field trips \$1,000
- Adaptive Equipment \$750
- Gully Day \$0

Our fiscal year is April 1st to March 31st. As such, deposits or expenses from our accounts from April 01, 2024 through to March 31, 2025 are on this report. Audited financial statements presented for approval.

Discussion on math corrections from previous year statement. These do not impact current year statement or future projections.

Discussion on ~\$26k RFF accruals. These have been approved to spend in previous meetings. These are expected to be spent by end of June, but some likely to be billed in the next school year.

Discussion on OSC float to look into part of money put into high interest savings account at the bank. Discussion of pros and cons on this. Float does fluctuate across the year, so not always consistent. Logistically challenging to have 2 signing members in person at bank to make changes, but could be more appropriate for a smaller portion of the funds that are unlikely to change.

Fundraising float discussion:

- Target an annual deficit of -\$1,000 (or less) in fundraising events spend, given the low fundraising initiatives due to the economic circumstances and increased casino funds and frequency allocated.

Natasha: motion to approve AFESS 2024-2025 financial statements and auditors report. Second: Jared. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discussion on next year's budget 25/26 approximate spend summary:

- Similar projection and plan to the current year. No concerns raised. Will be discussed further in the fall.

Discussion on AFESS events paid out of the fundraising account:

- Fall Welcome Event. We have been able to coordinate a movie night with the Shaganappi Community Association. They will host the event with donations towards the school. More details to follow.
- Other costs paid from this account: Agendas, Learning Commons upgrades, etc. Agreement on value of continued support on these items.
- Focused on prioritizing events/resources that cannot be covered with AGLC funds

Discussion on Out of School Care Donation:

- Discussion on reasons for Net loss of -\$4199. Waitlist management issues, plus

additional cost of benefits to staff. Next year, will be more focused on waitlist management and identifying a clear break even point in costs vs revenue.

- The net loss is covered by the float in the OSC account, but the goal is for OCS to generate funds to be donated to the school.

5) 2025/2026 Request for Funding (RFF) presented by Helen and Matt.

2025/26 RFF = \$41,750

Fundraising dollars: \$1,750

- Agendas \$1,750

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

Natasha: motion to approve 2025/2026 (Request For Funding) RFF. 2nd: Christine. None opposed. Motion carried.

6) Election of 2024-2025 Board of Directors and Volunteers

President	Natasha Vallee
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Jennifer Douglas
Treasurer	Nicole Frankiw
Fundraising Director	Lindsey Pashniak
AGLC Director/Report	Combined with President Role
Casino Director	Vacant
Director	Christine Jackson

Natasha: motion to dissolve current 2024-25 AFESS Board of Directors and approve the slate of nominees for the 2025-2026 AFESS Board of Directors and Volunteers. Second: Satoko. None opposed. Motion carried.

7) Appointment of Bank Signatories and Auditors

We need to appoint bank signatories for all of our bank accounts. Two signatories are required on a cheque. The proposal is to continue with three of our current signatories (Natasha Vallee, Nicole Frankiw, Lindsey Pashniak), removal of one (Chad Lemke), and addition of one (Jennifer Douglas).

Natasha: Motion to have Natasha Vallee, Nicole Frankiw, Lindsey Pashniak, and Jennifer Douglas, as bank signatories, with two signatures to sign a cheque. Second: Ashley. None opposed. Motion carried.

8) Thank you to Directors and Volunteers

Acknowledgement that our school is so fortunate to have the required funds to be able to provide so many enrichment activities to the students. The society board is so thankful for all the volunteers throughout the year (which includes the casino) that make this possible.

9) Next Meeting Date: June 12, 2025, following School Council

Will discuss the Sept Welcome event in more detail.

10) Adjournment at 8:42 p.m. MDT.

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

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