

## **Alexander Ferguson Elementary School Society Meeting**

Thursday, November 20, 2025

### **Society Members**

Membership is optional. One Society membership per household.

#### **2025-26 Board of Directors**

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| 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) Peter Rehak, 3) Sarah Hurst, 4) Natasha V., 5) Christine J., 6) Courtney J., 7) Mune H., 8) Brittney S., 9) Sam W., 10) Dustan K., 11) Laura A., 12) Cassy H., 13) Lindsey P., 14) Rosemarie D., 15) Satoko B.

**1) Call to Order:** Natasha called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. MDT

**2) Approval of Agenda and September 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Natasha: motion to approve the agenda. Second: Ashely. Motion carried.**

**Natasha: motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2025 Meeting. Second: Christine. Motion carried.**

**3) Financials and Fundraising Discussion**

a) Account Summaries

- a. Casino \$99,233.71
- b. Fundraising \$61,532.54
- c. OSC \$137,699.86

Reviewed and discussed all the cost break downs from the agenda. We have just received the remaining Casino request for funds for the 2024/25 approved budget, this portion will be closed for the next meeting. We are however still waiting on the 2024/25 approved fundraising dollars for the Learning Commons shelving, we will carry this accrual until the bill comes in.

There was a discussion on the OSC bank account being artificially high due to early payments from the Government of Alberta for subsidies and affordability grants. These we high because we have less kindergarten students this year (high September payment), and we did not offer care for October during the strike so we will not receive the Affordability

grant for October. We will see smaller Government of Alberta payments over the next couple months to correct for this over payment. Even with the strike we are still projected to run a profit this year for the OSC program.

b) Fundraising update

- a. Coupon books raised \$505! (We also had a \$5 donation)

This was a great initiative that paid for the additional agendas we needed this year!  
There are 4 remaining books that will likely get donated to the school staff.

- b. Ongoing fundraisers available; Skip the depot, Mabel's Labels, Fundscrip

We have cashed out on the recent Fundscrip order which we will see on in the bank account at the next meeting. If anyone is purchasing gift cards for Christmas this is a great way to also give back a portion to the school.

c. Fun lunch update

- October fun lunch canceled, credits applied to all accounts  
(note you must select to use your credit on future payments within Healthy Hunger)
- To date raised = \$186

c) Casino update

- a. Casino slotted for Q1 2027 – Looking for a new Casino Coordinator

d) Funding request for the school dance (Q2 XX?)

- a. Requesting \$1,500 for the school dance

Still waiting on a date – the council will determine this. Current choices are May 21 or June 4.

**Natasha: motion to request \$1,500 from the fundraising account for a school dance before the end of the 2025/26 school year. Second: Ashley. Motion carried.**

e) Update on remaining Learning Commons Upgrades

Note much to update here, still waiting on billing.

**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). Will close out the AGLC accruals at the next meeting, overall we spent about \$32k the last school year. Still waiting on learning commons shelving billing and will carry accrual forward in fundraising dollars.

**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 most recent RFF includes the community day activity listed as Gully day in the below list.

**a) Material from School Administration**

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

**Fundraising dollars: \$2,100**

- Agendas \$2,100

**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 (Kamp Kiwanis) \$5,000

**c) School Dream List Discussion**

Helen listed some of the previously discussed dream list items; tables by the playground, upkeep of the outdoor school mural, 3D printer for the school, more blue mats, back door key FOBs, music room xylophone stands.

The laminator and whisper phones that were previously discussed was moved to the 2024/25 RFF since there were remaining funds.

**6) Out of School Care (OSC) Update**

One Kindergarten space available.

The grade 1 – 6 program has taken everyone from the previous waitlist who was still interested in a spot. If families require care they are directed to reach out to the program directly at [afessosc@gmail.com](mailto:afessosc@gmail.com) . The \$25 waitlist fee can be waived for families that will qualify for subsidy.

**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**

Discussed doing a school wide initiative like cozy day for the holiday lunch. Helen and the teachers are going to take this back to the staff.

Discussed picking a Movie night date for next September, we will revisit this at the February meeting because the 2026/27 CBE calendar will be out then.

Discussed the year end events like the all inclusive pizza party, popsicles on the last day of classes. Parents were inquiring about potentially doing some kind of sports day event or something the same day as the pizza party.

**9) Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2026 following School Council – Hybrid Format**

**10) Adjournment:** Natasha adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. MDT

**Society Bylaws found at:** [AFESS Revised Bylaw May 252023.pdf \(cbe.ab.ca\)](https://cbe.ab.ca/AFESS%20Revised%20Bylaw%20May%202023.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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