

Alexander Ferguson Elementary School Society Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 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.

Director Appointment: Christine J.

Fundraising Coordinators

Casino Coordinator: **VACANT**

Attendees (13): 1) Helen Sharpe, 2) Sibel Kaban, 3) Christine J, 4) Natasha V., 5) Ashley B, 6) Satoko B., 7) Nitesh, 8) Brittney S., 9) Courtney J., 10) Rosemarie D., 11) Jenn D., 12) Cassy H., 13) Alessandro A.,

1) **Call to Order:** Natasha called the meeting to order at 8:33 p.m. MDT

2) **Approval of Agenda and November 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

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

Natasha: motion to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2025 Meeting. Second: Christine. Motion carried.

3) **Financials and Fundraising Discussion**

a) Account Summaries

a. Casino \$89,935.13

b. Fundraising \$62,252.87

c. OSC \$144,469.19

Note recent RFF cheques have been written and are accounted for in section b but have not been cashed yet (fundraising \$1,695, casino \$4,494.95).

b) RFF 2024/25 Still carrying learning commons upgrades (highlighted)

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**

-RFF 2024/2025. Learning Commons upgrades. Bookshelves were delivered, bill will be coming shortly. Still awaiting invoices for other expenses.

c) RFF Spending update: 2025/26 Priority List.

Approved RFF \$42,100

Fundraising dollars: \$2,100 Spent \$1,591

- Agendas \$2,100 Spent \$1,591

AGLC dollars: \$35,000 + \$5,000 = \$40,000 Spent \$10,183

- Whole school artist residency \$13,000
- Sports residences \$6,000 Spent \$2,380 (Lacross)
 - Learning Commons \$3,750 (Additional books) Spent \$2,100
- Field Trip/ In School Experience support \$4,000 (An amount will be allotted to each class) Spent \$240 (teacher's pet)
- Math/Music/Phys Ed/Classroom/Science supplies \$2,500 Spent \$748 (science materials) + \$489 (xylophone mallets)
- 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

-Paid a number of these to date, awaiting the last RFF cheque to be cashed for \$4,494.95.

-Kamp Kiwanis bill - Dates are planned. Costs have increased since the last 2024 trip. Goal of including all students. The Parent Society will be subsidizing all students, and further reductions are available through conversations with the school as needed.

d) Fundraising update.

o Fundraising spent to date:

- Welcome event \$0
- Purdy's fundraiser open until Feb 26th:

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000020417>

o Fun lunch update;

- To date raised \$390.26
- Holiday lunch expense -\$269.45
- Net total \$120.81

o Ongoing (Fundscript, Skip the depot, Mabel's Labels)

- Withdrew Fundscript Balance = \$888.45

o Dance Expense Update - NTR

e) Casino. Awaiting date for 2027.

f) Fundraising funding request for Grade 6 Farewell & yearbook for \$400 (reflects last year's spend with contingency)

-Natasha: motion to fundraising funding request of \$400 for yearbook. Second: Alessandro. Motion carried.

g) Fundraising funding request for Teacher Supplies of \$1,000 (this becomes \$100 per classroom for miscellaneous items)

-Natasha: motion to fundraising funding request for \$1,000 for teacher supplies. Second: Christine. Motion carried.

h) Fundraising funding request for Year End Events

o All inclusive pizza party last fun lunch day June 18th for \$350

o Last day popsicles \$150

o Stampede breakfast (estimated \$0). Christine reached out in the fall, lottery took place in October and have had no response from the program. We are assuming we didn't win the lottery for this event to take place this year.

-Natasha: motion to fundraising funding request for \$500 for Year End Events. Second: Rosemary. Motion carried.

i) Funding request for Staff Appreciation for \$400. Even though this is planned to be a potluck this year, we are asking in case funds are required.

-Natasha: motion to fundraising funding request for \$400 for Staff Appreciation. Second: Courtney. Motion carried.

4. Out of School Care (OSC) Update: Continuing to accept kids off the waitlist as spots open within the program. The current waitlist is very small since we've opened more spots in the program this year.

5. Open Society Board Positions: Vice Chair & Casino Director. Seeking interested individuals for these vacant positions, especially the Casino Director position for next year.

6. New Business/Open Dialogue:

Dream list. Teacher supply request list.

- More picnic tables around playground to fit all students in a class. Helen obtained quote for tables and concrete pads (\$9000), but unclear if tables are included in this cost. Quoted the tables could be installed in the summer.
- 3D printer (Mr. Ramada was going to obtain a quote, but his research has indicated that current machines require frequent maintenance, so will wait on this.
- Chair feet cover replacements (~\$1000).
- Discussion on PE equipment. Recent basketball replacement. Gym equipment does have full class sets for a number of balls and equipment. Gym equipment is well organized, maintained and tracked, as it stays indoors. Parent question on track and field equipment.
- Agreed teachers and Helen will consider PE curriculum and whether any specific track and field equipment could be necessary.
- Recess equipment bins dwindle over time. Gaga pit balls, other equipment gets lost. Kids are hard on the stuff and don't return, despite teacher requests. Some teachers refill bins at their own cost. Agreed teachers will make a list for recess bins to submit for coverage. Can fund this through AGLC account.

7. Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2026 AGM following School Council AGM

a) Hybrid format

b) **Minimum attendance of 5 voters required** (outside board members and school administration)

8. Adjournment: Natasha called the meeting to adjourn at 9:15pm MDT

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

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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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