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Alexander Ferguson School Engagement Online Comments March 13 – 31, 2025

Below you will find all comments provided in the survey as they were written. Comments have not been edited for spelling, grammar, sentence structure, truncation or otherwise. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited or omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.

Please share any other thoughts you may have about our SDP. (68 responses)

- How about we get back to teaching the basics. The best teachers at my kids school are the ones I describe as “old school” as in, they teach like mine did in the 1970’s. So scrape the SDP and go back to teaching like it was before internet and social media
- Looks great
- No further comment
- I love the idea of improving students' literacy skills. It would be great if the students can more homework and assessment.
- Integration of technology in learning and preparing students for the digital world. Safety, respect, and behavior management. Increase the variety and availability of extracurricular programs, including sports, arts, music, and leadership activities.
- No thoughts.
- SDP is a very helpful plan that will help my kid develop further.
- None
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- I think the teachers do an amazing job with the resources they have.
- NA
- N/A
- I think this is a good idea
- Looks great
- No additional comments at this time



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- SDP to take into account the increased in immigrant students enrolling and special needs children who are taking away resources from other children.
- none
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- Would be great
- None
- None
- Thank you for considering the students' learning!
- N/A
- none noted
- No at present.
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- N/A
- Providing diverse opportunities enables learners to experience success.
- I appreciate the specific focus and the fact that resources can be accessed by parents also.
- we are satisfied with how the school provide best education program for my kid.
- Interesting to have a plan. Hope that there is information sharing between school to share successful and optimal plan components
- N/A
- None
- I fully believe our kids best interest is at the forefront
- Stronger communication in learning units with parents would benefit the SDP goals. This way those who choose can support their child's learning when a unit is not mastered. Parents only receive this feedback during parent-teacher interviews and/or if the teacher uploads assignments to Power School. This was a big pain point as all teacher's communication is different. We received almost Zero communication by Power School. If there is no communication even if the teacher improves their skills (i.e. SDP goals) parents will be unaware of any improvement. I big frustration!
- I am very happy thanks all of you for hard working



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- Satisfied
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- Thanks for all the hard work on this!
- Thank you so much for all your efforts to help our kids.
- ☒ Data-Driven Decisions – The plan should be based on evidence, such as student performance data, teacher feedback, and community input. ☒ Inclusive & Collaborative – Engaging teachers, students, parents, and stakeholders in the planning process ensures better implementation. ☒ Actionable Strategies – The plan should break down long-term goals into specific, achievable steps with clear responsibilities. ☒ Monitoring & Evaluation – A good SDP includes key performance indicators to track progress and adjust strategies as needed.
- No thought
- It's good to be planning ahead.
- N/A
- none
- N/A
- A strong School Development Plan (SDP) is all about clear communication. Parents and students can better support its implementation when they understand its goals and strategies. It's also about inclusivity, ensuring every student's unique needs are considered and addressed effectively. Regular monitoring and adjustments are crucial too, ensuring that the plan stays on track to deliver real improvements in student learning. Engaging the community in this process builds support and brings fresh perspectives to the table. Lastly, aligning with educational standards ensures that the SDP maintains high quality and accountability. These elements create a framework that can genuinely enhance student learning and school success.
- While I appreciate the glossary in the SDP, the SDP uses a number of acronyms/abbreviations which are not defined in the glossary or elsewhere as far as I could tell. I assume the acronyms/abbreviations are good things but it would be helpful to know what they refer to (e.g. CC3, UFLI, ORF, CASEL, PLC). The number of these acronyms/abbreviations make it difficult to



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assess and provide meaningful comments on the SDP. Keep up the good work at Alex Ferguson School, we appreciate what you do for our kids and your students.

- Good
- The curriculum should be dynamic and adaptive, integrating modern educational tools and teaching strategies. Prioritizing STEM, digital literacy, and critical thinking while also maintaining a strong emphasis on the arts and humanities will promote holistic student development.
- Appropriate to consider all aspects of education including student and parents, teachers and school environment and technology
- No
- no
- None
- NONE
- None
- Aligns with curriculum, would love to see increased focus on academics
- No
- N/A
- N/a
- none
- I am happy with it.
- nothing
- I have none
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- N/A

Please share any other thoughts you may have about our school budget and fees. (30 responses)

- I am 100% behind the Truth and Reconciliation teachings. It is important that our children know this ongoing part of our



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country's history. However, since this is mandated by CBE, I feel it should be paid for through gov't funding. The fact that the parent society has to raise funds to pay for this every year is alarming.

- The elder visits are too expensive and eat up too much of funding. Shame on them for charging so much. My grandparents would visit my school for free to share their life experience
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- It would be great if the teachers have the chance to rate those activities' educational value. I personally don't like some of the in-class activities because the speaker used very cheap materials and doesn't have solid foundation knowledge of the topic. Overall the activities were boring and not educational.
- no thoughts.
- None
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- I think the current amount of field trips and in class experiences are the right amount. I also believe strongly that swimming should be inclusive to grades 1-6.
- Their experiences in school thus far has been extremely positive. So keep at it.
- Swimming is life skill and not all kids have access to it. I think swimming should be considered most important curriculum when we are budgeting.
- No additional comments at this time.
- none
- None
- I think the funds should be going to things that make the kids excited and eager to learn
- The school does a great job of organizing and providing artist and resident and in class activities. I would love to see more field trips.
- No at present
- I feel that the fees are extremely reasonable for all the additional enriching experiences my child receives at this school. He has made his own shadow puppet theatre at home. These events



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spark his creativity and curiosity and love for school and learning. We couldn't ask for more. Thank you

- None
- Our kids LOVE the Artist in Residence that have a physical component - activity is key vs. only sitting and listening. Also, things that bring students together vs. divide or separate on backgrounds.
- It's Going to be Great
- I am happy with the schedule budget and fees
- N/A
- Thank you for your effort to boost our kids' education and experience. Ensuring transparency and fairness in school fees benefits all families by providing clear insight into how these funds directly enhance educational experiences. By prioritizing impactful activities and maintaining open communication, Alexander Ferguson School can continue to effectively support comprehensive student development.
- None
- NONE
- None
- Understand the limitations for many families, would be willing if given the opportunity to pay additional similar to fun lunches to sponsor those who cannot if this meant additional opportunities (field trips, etc.) could be made available for the entire school.
- N/A
- no major concerns
- None