

ALEXANDER FERGUSON SCHOOL

School Engagement

Survey Results
April 16, 2026

dialogue)))



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Background

- Two surveys were available to Alexander Ferguson parents on February 19 and March 12, 2026.
- In addition we received budget priority input on index cards during our March 19 and 20 student learning conferences.
- The purpose of the survey was to gather feedback from parents about our School Development Plan (SDP) as well as school budget and fees.
- This report includes survey results and comments.

Results

School Development Plan

Question #1:

We share SDP information and updates in different ways.
Please indicate the ways you have learned about our SDP.
Check all that apply:

Responses: 6

- School website **[1]**
- School council meetings **[5]**
- School messenger (emails) **[0]**
- Other **[0]**

Question #2:

The SDP is developed with all students in mind. Please select your level of agreement with the following statements:

Responses: 7

-My child's learning can benefit from the goals, actions and resources in the SDP.

- Yes [7]
- No [0]

Comments:

- Good
- My child is definitely benefiting, I see direct results from what was shown earlier
- Yes
- The priority aligns with what I think my child should be learning
- Good
- Wondering how the students who need more support impact the teacher's resources

Question #2:

The SDP is developed with all students in mind. Please select your level of agreement with the following statements:

Responses: 7

-The learning of all students is reflected and prioritized in the goals, actions and resources in the SDP.

- Yes [7]
- No [0]

Comments:

- All inclusive community
- Yes
- Good
- Benefits all students and all learning needs
- From the overview we have seen tonight it looks good!
- I wonder about the language gaps and how that impacts the larger group
- Yes

School Budget and Fees

Question #1:

Schools must operate within their budget and too many fees can be unmanageable for families. Knowing that, please rank the following activities and services in order of importance to you.

Responses: 50

1	Field Trips
2	Curricular Enhancement Materials
3	In Class Experiences
4	Music Supplies
5	Swimming 1-4
6	Agendas
7	Swimming 5-6
8	Artist In Residence
9	Guest Speakers
10	Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers

Question #2:

Do you agree that: The activities our school provides (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, classroom experiences, outdoor education, etc.) are important for your child's learning?

Responses: 4

- The activities our school provides (e.g., field trips, guest speakers, experts in schools, sporting activities, outdoor education, etc.) are important for my child's learning. 4/4 agree
- The school fees I pay reasonable considering the benefit they provide my child. 4/4 agree

Where does school funding come from?

Alberta Government:

- Salaries
- Utilities/ maintenance of all buildings
- New curriculum funds

Parents – central fees:

- School fees (all basic school supplies)
- Lunch fees (for supervision of students only)

Fundraising (Parent Association):

- Residencies
- Additional supplies
- Learning Commons

Additional fees:

- Field Trips
- In Class Experiences

Donations/Grants:

- AFA (Alberta Foundation for the Arts) - residencies
- ATA (Alberta Teachers Association) – teacher PD, Indigenous resources
- Education Matters – e.g.) new laptop cart

Conclusion

For your consideration:

- Next month is the AGM when parents are asked to vote on the “wish list” for the following school year.
- Based on the current AGLC fund availability, and the next expected casino date, we are requesting **\$35,000** to support our school for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Expenses include:
 - Whole School Artist Residency \$13,000
 - Sports Residences / Swimming (?) \$6,000
 - Learning Commons \$3,500
 - Field Trip/ In School Experience support \$3,000
 - Math/Music/Phys Ed/Classroom/Science supplies \$2,500
 - Elders/Knowledge Keepers \$2,000
 - Performances \$1250
 - Adaptive Equipment \$1250
 - Agendas \$1,250
 - Gully Day \$1250

Also for your consideration:



"Promise" by Doug Driediger, 18' x 60', 1998

Our Mural and School Motto

Our School Motto is "Making a World of Difference" and is vividly illustrated in our outside school mural painted by nationally-recognized mural artist and former AFS parent, [Doug Driediger](#).

Thank You!

- Survey results and comments will be available on the Alexander Ferguson website before the end of April.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey. Your contributions made a meaningful difference in our decision-making process.
- We will communicate about expenditures throughout the school year, at council and association meetings as well as on the report to parents in the fall.
- Thank you for your continued support.