



William Aberhart High School Friends of Orange Association



Friends of Orange Association Meeting Minutes Feb 24 2025

President: Farouk Gillani	Treasurer: Josh Orzech	
Vice-President: Olga Tourin	Secretary: Tracy Duncan	

Attendees: Farouk Gillani, Dawna Morrow, Josh Orzech, Shelley Wiart, Olga Tourin, Sandra, Darcy Cumming, Christina Wallace, Tracy Duncan, Parissa Gillani

- Meeting called to order at 7:28 by Farouk G.
- Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda plus Jan 27 2025 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Christina. All in Favour. Approved.
- Financial update by Treasurer (Josh O)
 - The bank balance as of today = \$1484.02. No change from last month
 - Josh organizing to collect signatures for FOA bank account
- Follow-up from previous meeting / Actions:
 - Fundraising update: Christos has talked to Sandra from WAMPA about their funding request initiatives. Some around Drama, some around Culinary. Will share updated list for the next parent council meeting
 - Sandra from WAMPA: 2 streams of fundraising: one to support individual families for trips, uniforms, etc. For this one, a portion goes to the student's account, a portion to students who need it. Second one for general funds. Casino, gala night, 50/50. WAMPA has worked casinos since the 1990's. Always give a portion back to the school - gym roll-up mats, lighting, water fountains, etc.
 - What was paid for by WAMPA at the school in the last 18 months? Artist in residence program, redoing the murals upstairs, the roll-up mats on the gym floor, and all the AV equipment used in the gym.
 - About 10% of casino money goes to the school
 - Casino money restrictions: detailed reports required annually. Funds have to go to from WAMPA (registered charity) to Education Matters (registered charity)
 - Casino fully staffed with music student parents
 - Another option that WAMPA is trying to get off the ground is corporate sponsorships
 - Downie and Wenjack application update: application unsuccessful. Other options are the Neighbors Grant from Calgary Foundation (\$10k). Valley Creek has started some reconciliation activities but postponed due to strike.
 - Lots of red tape at CBE regarding new Indigenous pedagogy



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- M. Sagriotis is to look through Shelley's initial proposals and find the items which fit into curriculum - some logistics in high school are different from elementary - e.g. rarely have the whole school together in the gym
- Question in the chat - Psychology 20/30 would align really well with indigenous pedagogy
- Christos, Shelley, and Farouk to meet and find best initiatives for future grant applications. Dr Josh Hill Shelley's supervisor could potentially visit. Real opportunity at Aberhart - there is a vacuum since Elder Beverley is not working with the school anymore.
- New business:
 - Status of AB Society annual return: still with Tracy. Tracy to send in this month.
 - Other options for ASCA money - Dr Andrew Dutcher - this is an option but sometimes when there is a speaker only a small number of people attend. Would be nice to combine our ASCA grant with some other school councils.
 - Next meeting Shelley will do a presentation on land acknowledgements
- Next meeting date:
 - **March 31 2025 at 8:00 pm and will be held as an online meeting unless we hear otherwise from the school**
See FOA page on school website for dates and details [William Aberhart High School \(cbe.ab.ca\)](http://WilliamAberhartHighSchool.cbe.ab.ca)
- Motion to adjourn at PM by Olga, seconded by Teresa. All in favour. Adjourned.