



William Aberhart High School

School Council



William Aberhart High School School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday January 26 2026

Chair: Farouk Gillani	Principal: Christos Sagriotis	Assistant Principals: Veronique Brunelle, Brian MacCarl, Jocelyn Vryenhoek
Vice-Chair: Olga Tourin	Secretary: Tracy Duncan	Student rep:
Key Communicator: Tanis James	Teacher Rep: Rotating	Members at Large:

Attendees: Veronique Brunelle (vice principal), Donna Duman, Tracy Duncan, Olga Tourin, Farouk Gillani, Diken Dint, Kirsten Ledergerber

Opening

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Farouk G.

Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and November 2025 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Olga. Carried.

Principal/Administration update (Veronique Brunelle)

- Veronique is the vice principal for students with last names A-G, 13 years with the CBE and previously a math teacher. Brian MacCarl and Jocelyn Vryenhoek are the other 2 vice principals
- Last semester was disorganized due to work stoppage and exam cancellations. Ran classes to Jan 23
- Students had an opportunity to redo some tests Jan 19-23.
- Jan 26-27: Credit recovery for some students
- Weds Jan 28: first day of Semester 2
- March 19-20 parent conferences
- Other dates for Semester 2 presented
- Going back to a regular schedule in June 2026. Grade 10's and 11 will have finals, Assuming currently that grade 12's will have diploma exams worth 30%
- Semesters 1 and 2 not the same but equitable considering all factors including timeline
- Starting course registration - picking courses for next semester (Sept 2026). Grade 9's have also put in course requests for next year
- Grade 12 graduation: Weds May 20, 8:45am to 11:30 am at Grey Eagle event centre
- Fee = \$55 (lowest in city)
- Family needs tickets to attend, students get 2 family tickets. Other tickets can be purchased on D2L for \$10
- Grad reception Weds May 20 also at Grey Eagle, last years tickets were \$125
- Report cards will be available on PowerSchools on Feb 2



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Key communicator Update (Farouk G)

- Tanis attended COSC meeting in person Jan 21
- Not sure if we are on the ASCA list - Tracy to put in application and see if they respond

School Council Update (Farouk G)

- Review of “for the love of public education” meeting Jan 10 (notes link [here](#))
- Presentation of draft email for Minister Nicolades. Parents can review and will have a vote on whether to send this letter.

New Business - draft letter to Minister Nicolaides

- Presented draft letter to education minister Nicolaides re staffing at WAHS [here](#)
- After parents have had further chance to review, we will vote on Feb 23 whether to send the letter to Minister Nicolaides
- We will ask Lori to put a note in the Abe weekly update that parents can review vote or provide comments to abefriendsoforange@gmail.com

Next meeting

- Feb 23 2026. Here and online on Teams

Motion to adjourn by Diken, seconded by Olga. Carried, adjourned at 7:26 pm