



William Aberhart High School School Council



William Aberhart High School School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday February 23 2026

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

Attendees: Olga Tourin, Christos Sagriotis, Josh Orzech, Darcy Cumming, Anie Udolia, Tracy Duncan

Opening

Meeting called to order at 7 pm by Olga.

Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and Jan 2026 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Josh. Carried

Principal/Administration update (Christos S)

- Semester 2 well underway: Pink shirt day, no classes Friday. Parent-teacher interviews 19-20 March. 19th evening in person, 20th daytime online. Spring break March 21-29.
- Celebration:
 - Abe band in Alberta International Band Festival Feb 18-24.
 - Abe concert choir to CBE sings
 - 2 teams won curling city champions. CBE canceled CBE participation in High School Provincial Curling Championships due to road conditions for driving to Slave Lake
 - Wrestling cities this Friday
 - Basketball today
 - Debate team going to the Ethics Bowl
- Impact of No Diplomas in Semester 1:
 - U of C has adjusted admission expectations upwards because no diploma exams - typically they tend to decrease marks
 - Kids feeling extra pressure getting into AB post secondary
 - Aberhart normally does well on diplomas relative to other schools
 - Spring diploma exams will go ahead as usual
 - AB universities indicated some more spaces will open up
 - Some students looking into accepting offers at their second-choice post-secondary school
- French Immersion Program Monitoring
 - Students worried about university entrance
 - Moving from FLA 30-1 to 30-2
 - Disconnect between FLA which is french language arts and conversational French



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- Students not feeling confidence to pursue post-secondary opportunities in French Immersion - eg \$3k scholarship to do a program in French at Uof M
- What we are doing:
 - NLA=neuro linguistic approach - focusing on more opportunities to use French in regular conversations (in FLA Social and Math)
 - Allowing students in FLA 30-1 to demonstrate FSL30 understanding and receive grades for that instead of needing to challenge FSL30.
 - Exposing students to the advantage of using French immersion when it comes to university entrance
 - High FLS30 grades
 - Post secondary opportunities that open up because of French Immersion
 - UofA - Campus St Jean
 - Education - great chance of getting a job doing teaching at Campus St Jean
- Graduation
 - Ceremony Weds May 20. Fee \$55 per student (lowest in the city) 8:45-11:30 am. (2 guest tickets + student + grad clothing)
 - Graduate reception and dance Weds May 20 6:30-11pm (\$120/ticket)
 - First round Feb3-Feb23 grads can purchase 2 tickets each
 - Second round March 3- March 31
 - Things to think about
 - Ticket process above: staggered purchase
 - Increasing costs for sit-down dinner: some schools are not doing sit-down dinner
 - Should schools organize a reception (e.g. parent safe grad)?
 - For now Aberhart is continuing with the current setup

School Council Update (Farouk G)

- Update on complexity staffing: AB Education has targeted the new complexity teams to elementary schools for this school year. AB Education will be looking at this more broadly next year, considering high schools. Have not received the formula yet.
- Motion by Tracy to polish the letter and refer to the new complexity teams, then send to Alberta Education. seconded by Olga. 4 in favor. Carried.

New Business

- Requested 2026-02-18 to join ASCA (<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>) as Abe does not seem to be on the membership list.

Next meeting

- March 30 2026. Here and online.

Motion to adjourn by Tracy seconded by Josh. Carried, adjourned at 7:48 pm