



William Aberhart High School Friends of Orange Association



Friends of Orange Association Meeting Minutes: Oct 28 2024

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

Attendees: Nicole Rossi, Dawna Morrow, Julie Penner, Mike VanWensem, Antonpreet Sandhu, Gitte Julien, Shelley Wiart, Christina Wallace, Tanis James, Josh Orzech, Tracy Duncan, Farouk Gillani

- Meeting called to order at 8:00pm by Farouk G.
- Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and Sept 23 2024 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Josh. All in Favour. Approved.
- Review of FAO annual report. Motion to approve by Tracy, seconded by Josh.
- Financial update by Treasurer (Josh O)
 - The bank balance as of today = \$1293.52
 - On November 7, Kim, Josh, Farouk and Tracy going to the bank to get signing authority transferred over to Josh
- Follow-up from previous meeting / Actions: None
- Fundraising Actions:
 - Benevity self-certification declaration due Jan 3 2025. Farouk to check with Olga on this as she did last year's self-certification.
 - \$190 profit from Coco Brooks fundraiser (sales=\$700)
 - Lara spearheading FunScrip fundraiser. Hoping to do that in November before the holiday season. Hoping to partner with Student Leadership on this,
 - Discussion of insurance
 - FlipGive: A gift card purchase platform where you can designate an organization and buy online gift cards. Farouk to send a note to WAMPA to let them know we are looking into setting up a FlipGive account.
 - Motion to approve a fundraising initiative involving gift cards moved by Dawna, seconded by Josh. Carried.
- New business:
 - Potential Grant Opportunity for 2025: Proposal for grant writing for Reconciliation Artist and Author Series at William Aberhart High School in September 2025. The series could feature speakers whose work delves into the intergenerational impacts of Residential Schools and the vital role students can play in reconciliation. (Shelley W)



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- Shelley wrote an Amazon Web Services grant “Creative Pathways to Reconciliation Education”. Invited indigenous leaders to do a speaker series.
 - One of the Truth and Reconciliation recommendations is age-appropriate reconciliation education.
 - Shelley is doing a masters in reconciliation education and is hoping to do a thesis on a reconciliation manual for parent councils.
 - M Sagriotis says that Aberhart is wondering where to take our Aboriginal Studies program going forward. Beading could be a potential fit for Well at 3:05. Other options include a powwow dancer.
 - Shelley is going to do a session with the Valley Creek parent council meeting with the artists working on her grant.
 - Shelley and M Sagriotis to meet for an hour to discuss where it would fit.
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- Next meeting date:
 - **November 25 2024 at 8:00 pm and will be held as a hybrid meeting.**
See FOA page on school website for dates and details [William Aberhart High School \(cbe.ab.ca\)](https://www.cbe.ab.ca/William-Aberhart-High-School)
 - Motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM by Farouk, seconded by Christina. All in favour. Adjourned.