



William Aberhart High School Friends of Orange Association



Friends of Orange Association Meeting Minutes Jan 27 2025

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

Attendees:

Josh Orzech, Shelley Wiart, Farouk Gillani, Tracy Duncan, Darcy Cumming, Tanis James, Claire Sedula, Lara Mack

- Meeting called to order at 8:05 by Farouk G.
- Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to amend agenda to include presentation on Downie & Wenjack Reconciliation project application, then approve amended agenda plus Nov 25 2024 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Josh. All in Favour. Approved.
- Financial update by Treasurer (Josh O)
 - The bank balance as of today = \$1484.02. Josh needs Farouk and Tracy to update signatures at the bank.
- Follow-up from previous meeting / Actions:
 - New fundraising email (monitored by Lara):
friendsoforangefundraising@gmail.com
 - Lara made a facebook, Instagram, and Email for Aberhart.
 - Newsletter: Shelley presented the Valley Creek January newsletter. Aberhart parent council newsletter is on hold because we have no content
 - Use of ASCA money for blanket exercise - Shelley has proposed one (cost \$1500)
 - Other options for ASCA money - Andrew Dutcher - mission to keep indigenous families together and to prevent any more Indigenous children from being taken into the child welfare system in Canada. Deals with youth mental health issues (indigenous or not-indigenous). Cost \$1000 (usual \$3000).
- Downie and Wenjack Fund application
 - Shelley outlined Creative Pathways to Reconciliation Education.
 - Could include Richard Van Camp (writing workshop). Also Tanya-Throat singing, Chantelle-Beading circle, Karen - Orange Shirt Day & Jingle Dress, Jaime, Shelley & Bill - Indigenous Veterans Day. Kikino Northern Lites Dancers.
 - Application includes potentially \$1500 of books for the high school writing curriculum.



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- Potential for Reconciliation library book display (showed the one at Valley Creek)
- M Sagriotis noted Aberhart would be very supportive. Some parts (whole school presentations) are difficult, but The Creative Pathways curriculum could be delivered in home room, sometimes through Teams. For example, could target a specific class (e.g. grade 11 English). Beading circle could be through Well time. Throat singer Tanya potentially could be during WAMPA winter concert.
- Shelley will not know if she gets this grant until March. Shelley will be doing her masters on this topic / a manual for reconciliation for parent councils (programming, grants, etc).
- Charitable status / directors insurance update for Creative Pathways proposal: Farouk checking with WAMPA whether Abe parent council can be covered with that. But the artists are covered by CBE insurance or their own insurance, so probably insurance is not required.
- New business:
 - Need to file AB Society annual return. Collect directors info after meeting
- Next meeting date:
 - **Feb 24 2025 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 \(cbe.ab.ca\)](http://WilliamAberhartHighSchool.cbe.ab.ca)
- Motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM by Lara, seconded by Shelley. All in favour. Adjourned.