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School Council

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School Council Meeting Minutes: Monday Sept 28 2026

Chair: Farouk Gillani	Principal: Christos Sagriotis	Assistant Principals: Veronique Bruelle, Brian Maccarl, Jocelyn Vryenhoek
Vice-Chair: Kim MacEachern	Secretary: Marty Adsett	Student rep:
Key Communicator: Gunter Sammet	Teacher Rep:	Members at Large:

Attendees: Angela Leavens, Vanessa Maderazo, Kim MacEachern, Gunter Sammet, Marty Adsett, Angela Ng, Claire Serdula, Chuntao Shang, Christos Sagriotis (principal), Farouk Gillani, Tracy Duncan

Opening
Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm by Farouk G.

Consent Agenda reviewed. Motion to approve agenda and April 27 meeting minutes by Tracy, seconded by Farouk, Carried.

Principal/Administration update (Christos S)

Admin team: Christos Sagriotis, Veronique Brunelle, Brian MacCarl, Joselynn Vryenhoek

Students: 1330 students. Big French immersion cohort in grades 8+9, expected to move up to high school. Expected to get up to 1450 range in future years.

Staff: Over 80 staff members including 62 teachers

Programs: advanced placement, French immersion, regular program, Specialized programming (ALP & Access).

1 increased teacher due to provincial complexity funding. Class sizes are increasing in Alberta over the past 5 years.

Activities: Student leadership (bbq, Terry Fox run), athletics (football, volleyball, girls soccer, x-country are in full swing), fine arts (band, choir, strings, drama), whole school (debate, robotics, leadership)

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

- Sept 29: orange shirt day
- Sept 30 no school

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Parent Teacher conferences

- Online Monday Oct 19 9am-2pm
- In person: Thursday Oct 22 4:30-9pm

Cafeteria / AberEats

- A few students and Culinary Teacher continuing to provide lunch for ABE students
- Hot food Wednesdays and Pizza Thursdays

Bus Update: Aberhart buses are used for phys ed, athletics, fine arts, grad and other school trips. Our buses are starting to age so we are looking at purchasing one in the upcoming year or 2. Aging buses are expensive to repair so we are putting together a plan to purchase a bus at the end of the year. Cost is $180k – likely fundraise half and finance the other half

MyPass: education and childcare self-service website for students to manage marks, records, transcripts, etc. https://public.education.alberta.ca/PASI/mypass/welcome

Timetable: big feature at Abe is 8:20-8:50 tutorials. Big math one in learning commons and the rest in teacher classrooms. Changes: longer classes (85 min), shorter lunches (42 mins), no change to Friday

Questions:

1. Why are buses important? Phys ed: big part of phys ed is offsite experiences. Extracurriculars: bus helps save money on short trips. Bus is used every day for phys ed (curling, bowling swimming, life skills phys ed). Alberta Education does not fund buses because it would be possible to rent buses instead. Parent council notes that buses are necessary for phys ed curriculum.
2. How are IPPs handled? Teachers have put together draft IPPs this month, will be reviewing with parents.
3. Is there a parent grad committee? No. Aberhart grad is cheaper than some for just the ceremony (~$60) but dinner is quite expensive. No financial barriers: assistance for students that need it for the ceremony.

Calendar presented.

School Council Update (Farouk G)

- None

Key Communicator

- None

New Business

- None

Next meeting

- Oct 26.

Motion to adjourn by Gunter, seconded by Angela L. Carried.