

Alexander Forbes The Academy School Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 9, 2025

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Introductions: Kendra Stewart (Vice Principal), Jake Roberts (Vice Principal) Rhonda Schneider (Teacher Rep), Raechelle Marcotte (Teacher Rep/Parent), Sarah Patterson (Secretary), Meagan Jamieson (Parent), Deirdre Puff (Chair), Kallyn Dunn (Parent), Daniel MacLean (Parent), Kathleen Barker (Parent), Tammy Ogilvie (Parent), Priscilla Demchynski (Parent), Katherine Cameron (Parent), Caitlin McMurrer (Secretary)
3. Approval of Agenda
Moved: Caitlin McMurrer
Seconded: Sarah Patterson
4. Approval of Minutes of May 6, 2025
Moved: Sarah Patterson
Seconded: Deirdre Puff
5. School Board Report
 - a. No trustee will attend this meeting. There is a school board election on October 20th, and we will likely learn who our assigned trustee is after that.
6. Treasurer Report – Sarah Patterson
 - a. Current balance: \$2277.20
 - b. Accounts Receivable: Aquatera Bottle Drive for the month of September
 - c. Accounts Payable: Childcare during the meeting
7. Administrator's Report –Jake Roberts, Kendra Stewart
 - a. See pages 4-5.
8. Actions from previous meetings
 - a. Bottle Drive
 - i. Letters dropped off at various businesses in town. Google Drive has a file with information on where they were dropped off and status of when to pick-up.

- ii. Letter is available if anyone wishes to take one home or to work.
- iii. Wednesday, September 24th from 8 am- 6:30 pm drop off bottle drive happening at the school. Further details to be discussed at an offsite meeting.
 Motioned: Sarah Patterson.
 Seconded: Deirdre Puff.

9. New Business

- a. APPLE Schools- Kendra on behalf on Jen Edwards
 - i. APPLE Schools Core Committee member request
 - 1. If you want to be part of the committee that meets to provide input on the work of APPLE Schools within our school community, please email Jen.Edwards@gppsd.ab.ca.
- b. Nutrition Policy
 - i. See pages 6 and 7.
 - ii. Send feedback to Kristina.Demetz@gppsd.ab.ca. We will also collect feedback during our October meeting.
- c. Preparing for Annual General Meeting
 - i. September 23 at 6 pm
 - ii. All positions opened and discussed
 - iii. Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser
 - 1. Date: October 17
 - 2. Hot Cider, Hot Chocolate and coffee sales again
 - 3. Deirdre and Tammy reaching out to Co-op Downtown, BuyLow and Canadian Tire
 - iv. Putting Munch-a-Lunch on hold with current job action climate
 - 1. Possible pivoting to Council run lunches
 - a. Ideas: Hot Dogs, Taco in a Bag, Pizza from Costco

10. Upcoming Events:

- a. September 19: Terry Fox Run
- b. September 20: School District Fun Run
- c. September 23: Annual General Meeting at 6 pm
- d. September 26: Orange Shirt Day
- e. September 29: Professional Learning Day. No school for students.

- f. September 30: National Truth and Reconciliation Day. No school
 - g. October 2: Al Crawford Assembly
 - h. October 7: October Council Meeting
11. Date of Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting: September 23 at 6 pm. Next regular meeting: October 7 at 6 pm.
12. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm

School Council – Administrator’s Report

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Celebrations and Appreciation

- Successful school start-up
- Grade 7/8 volleyball is starting up. Tryouts were today. Miss Dyok is coaching our girls’ team, and Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Monagle are coaching our boys’ team.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- August:
 - Review of student expectations, including the school Nutrition policy
 - Training on a new reading assessment for grades 3-8, called the DIBELS
- September 29th:
 - APPLE Schools Physical Literacy workshop with all teachers and EAs

Information

- Possible job action:
 - We know there are a lot of questions about the possibility of a strike or lockout. We don’t have any information that isn’t in the press. We will continue to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our students while we hope that the Central Table Bargaining Committee (CTBC) and the Teachers’ Employer Bargaining Association (TEBA) are able to come to an agreement that best supports our students.
 - Both sides are required to give 72 hours’ notice.
- New Gov’t Legislation Impacting Schools:
 - Standards for the Selection, Availability, and Access of School Library Materials
 - Ministerial Order 030/2025 was paused after the Edmonton Public School Board released a list of books that they would be removing from their libraries to comply with the order.
 - A new order was released on September 8th. It addresses explicit graphic depictions of sexual content. Our division will be developing an AP that addresses how we will respond and comply with the new order.
 - The books that were behind the initial legislation are not nor have they ever been in GPPSD schools.
 - If you ever have questions about a title in our schools or in your teacher’s classroom library, please let us know.
 - Bill 29: Fairness and Safety in Sport
 - Declaration for all female athletes in the province who are 12-17.
 - Bill 27: Amendments to the Education Act
 - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: Staff must notify parents and get written consent before using a different pronoun or name with a student.
 - Human Sexuality Instruction:
 - Rather than opting out, parents must now opt in to instruction.

- Parents can choose which outcomes for which they want their children to participate.
- The division is currently creating APs to address the new processes and procedures required by this legislation. These will be shared on our public web page once they are finalized.

Important Upcoming Events and Dates

Friday, September 19th – Terry Fox Run at Alexander Forbes

Saturday, September 20th – Division Fun Run from 8:30-11:30

Tuesday, September 23rd – School Council Annual General Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26th – Orange Shirt Day/Indigenous Games Day

Monday, September 29th – Professional Learning Day: No school for students

Tuesday, September 30th – National Day for Truth & Reconciliation: No school for students and staff

Tuesday, October 7th – School Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Alexander Forbes School

Student Nutrition Policy

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote student health, wellness, and academic success by encouraging healthy eating habits and providing a supportive environment. This policy outlines expectations for nutrition practices within the school and establishes guidelines that align with the Alberta Physical Education and Wellness curriculum.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, parents/guardians, and visitors at Alexander Forbes School. It governs nutrition-related practices during instructional hours, breaks, and school-sponsored activities held on school property.

3. Policy

3.1 Healthy Role Modelling

Staff are committed to modelling and teaching healthy eating habits as part of daily practice. Nutrition education is embedded in the school experience to help students develop lifelong healthy habits.

3.2 Respect for Families

Students will not be criticized or singled out for the food they bring to school. The school recognizes that families make food choices based on a variety of needs and circumstances.

3.3 Classroom Beverages

- Only water is permitted in classrooms, except during lunch or designated nutrition breaks.
- Energy drinks are not permitted at any time.

3.4 Eating Times

- Students will have scheduled opportunities to eat at both nutrition break and lunch each day.
- Additional snacks are permitted as needed to support student learning and well-being.

3.5 Instruction

All teachers are responsible for teaching healthy eating as part of the Alberta Physical Education and Wellness curriculum. Instruction will emphasize balanced nutrition, positive choices, and the relationship between food, energy, and overall wellness.

3.6 Family Partnership

Parents/guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher if they require support with providing food or have questions about nutrition at school. The school is committed to working collaboratively with families to support every student's needs.

3.7 Equity and Access

The school is committed to ensuring that all students have access to food throughout the school day. Healthy snacks and lunches are made available, and discreet support will be provided to students who may arrive at school without food. No child will be left hungry during the school day.

3.8 Food Allergy and Sharing: Safety Considerations

For the safety of all students, food sharing is strongly discouraged. Staff and students are expected to be mindful of food allergies and dietary restrictions, which may include—but are not limited to—nuts, gluten, pork, and other common allergens. Teachers will communicate classroom-specific allergy considerations to families, and parents are asked to support these safety measures.

4. Implementation

- Teachers will incorporate healthy eating instruction within the Physical Education and Wellness curriculum.
- Staff will monitor compliance with beverage and nutrition break guidelines.
- Administrators will provide ongoing communication to families to ensure clarity and support.
- Discreet systems will be in place to provide food access for students who need it.
- Allergy and dietary restrictions will be shared with staff and reinforced through safe classroom practices.

5. Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or sooner if required by updates to division guidelines, provincial curriculum changes, or school community needs.