



SAC MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2025, 4:30 pm

Duc d'Anville Elementary School

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ATTENDANCE

Anne Martin, Nicole Mosher (secretary), Jane Newton (chair), Amy Weedon (principal), Luke Stevenson (Acting Vice Principal)

REGRETS

Nicholas Graham, Dave Kilgour, Jessica DeViller, Nancy Taylor

call to order

4:35 pm

adjournment 5:34 pm

approval of agenda

moved: Anne Martin

seconded: Jane Newton

approval of minutes

moved: Amy Weedon

seconded: Anne Martin

NOTES

\$1600 from HRM Regional Councillor Kathryn Morse still needs to be spent. The plan was to spend this money on toys/games for the students to use at recess and lunchtime.

Principal's report (see attached). Ms. Weedon noted that the cell phone ban is having a positive effect on students. The grade 6 leadership team program will begin next week. The program was made more official by having the leadership team students sign a document committing to the program. Office duties were added as a task for the leadership team. Mr. Colpitts and Ms. Smith (both grade 6 teachers) are supporting the program.

We discussed how to make use of the space in front of the school where the playground equipment used to be. Mr. Stevenson said a gaga ball pit would be a good idea. Rockingham Elementary has one. While SAC funds could be used, we may also consider the innovation grant but the application is not open until the spring.

Discussion of whether the Grade 6s could go to the cross-country meet with the junior high students. Suggested that Mr. Stevenson reach out to junior high to ask.

New business: Discussion of the "garden area" and whether a sandbox could go into the area. Would require a lid. Amy said she would e-mail the lead to see if the pre-primary staff have any suggestions. We did not hear back from them regarding an offer to buy toys.

Kathryn Morse contacted the school to ask what the school is doing about rodent infestation, probably exacerbated by the construction at Seton Ridge.

Discussion of adding more murals. Anne suggested Michael Burt could create another mural. Previously quoted \$1000 to paint a school sign by the main entrance or above the music room. Anne agreed to contact him about beginning a project in the spring. Kathryn Morse paid for the large whale mural, which has received a significantly positive reception in the community.

Future meeting dates will be

- October 27

- November 17
- January 26
- February 23
- April 27
- May/June TBD

ACTION ITEMS

- Anne to contact Michael Burt regarding painting a mural to display the school name at the main entrance
- Ms. Weedon to contact pre-primary leads about the former garden/pre-primary place space

Duc d’Anville Administration Report September 2025

SAC Finances: Our current balance is \$7072.11

Enrollment: 509. We had to reconfigure because of class sizes.

Staffing: VP Roy accepted a principalship. Mr. Stevenson is currently acting. We have two candidates in the leadership program: Mr. Stevenson and Ms. Barron. Mr. Stevenson has agreed to do the first month while Ms. Barron is off. We have multiple new hires and have an increase in EPA allocation.

Student success plan (will be developing in October)

- Literacy goal: we will improve student achievement in literacy, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
- Mathematics goal: we will improve student achievement in mathematics, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.
- Well-being goal: we will improve student achievement in well-being, with a specific focus on our students of African and/or Mi'kmaw/Indigenous ancestry.

We compressed our lunch hour. It is now back to one hour. P-2 eat first then play. 3-6 play first and then eat. Bell times have been adjusted. We also added a play area (the field).

We are continuing to work on our behaviour expectations matrix and will share that at the next meeting.

June literacy data results were decent. 64.6% of students met in reading. Our desegregated data indicated that 58.7% of our students of African-descent students met and 66.7% of our Indigenous students met.

We engaged in provincial code of conduct PD on September 3.

Leadership team is going to start formally next week. Looking at expanding jobs.

New vendor for lunch: Upward Mobility. Much better product and efficient delivery and organization.

Events: Terry Fox Run, cross country, PTA meeting tonight will determine more.