



# SAC MEETING MINUTES

Duc d'Anville Elementary School

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Monday, October 27, 2025, 4:30 pm

## ATTENDANCE

Dave Kilgour, Anne Martin, Nicole Mosher (secretary), Jane Newton (chair), Moira Marks, Sarah Barron (acting vice principal), Amy Weedon (principal)

## REGRETS

Nicholas Graham, Jessica DeViller, Nancy Taylor

call to order	4:38 pm	adjournment	5:47 pm
approval of agenda	moved: Moira Marks	seconded: Anne Martin	
approval of minutes	moved: Dave Kilgour	seconded: Anne Martin	

## NOTES

SAC funds: current balance is \$6388. Three field trips from last year just got processed; may be reimbursed from a French grant. This year's funding is expected in November. No money has been spent yet this school year.

Principal's report: enrolment is at 521. Ms. Barron is the new acting vice principal. Mr. Stevenson has returned to teaching phys. ed. Ms. Barron's position in the Learning Centre is being filled. Mrs. Trace will be on maternity leave starting in mid-December. A new B.Ed. graduate will fill her position. There will be a transition period before Mrs. Trace goes on leave.

Jane has been taking care of the school sign. Some concerns of the safety of access to the sign were noted. Desire to have some additional flowers/plants added below the sign; more soil is needed.

Anne contacted Michael Burt about painting a school sign at the main entrance. He is still willing to do so, but it likely can't be done until spring 2026.

There were several instances of people parking their cars too close to the main entrance of the school while Ms. Weedon was away. Mr. Stevenson asked those people to move their cars. There was also an issue with people smoking on and near the school property.

The wooden benches and garden boxes in the pre-primary space were taken away by HRCE because they were a hazard. There is a desire to rejuvenate this space both to benefit the pre-primary students who use it as a play space and for the other students, whose teachers could make use of this space when it's available. The school can apply for an SAC innovation grant in the spring fund improvements.

Grade 6 leadership team schedules were given to students. The schedule had to be revised several times because of the high level of interest in joining. The leadership team had a meeting to discuss expectations. They will continue to meet once a month. Leadership team lanyards were distributed for students to wear.

Student Success Plan: Ms. Weedon is meeting with HRCE's Regional Director next week.

The grade 3 assessment results indicate 65.4% of students were meeting expectations in reading (vs. 73.2% for HRCE) but only 38.5% were meeting expectations in writing (vs. 45.4% for HRCE). Writing scores were low

province-wide. Our school's math results were much higher; 88% of students meeting expectations. This is likely because our school has had a math coach/support teacher (Ms. Kennedy) for several years. Ms. Kennedy will work with grade 4s whose grade 3 assessments scores indicated they were not meeting expectations. The coach/support model used in math has been adopted for EAL instruction as well. A math consultant reviewed the math results closely with Ms. Weedon. The consultant will develop assessments to determine how students are doing part-way through the year. Dave asked if there was a way the school could celebrate the positive test scores so parents are aware. Future cycles of the student success plan will report results using language similar to that used in report cards.

Discussion of what HRCE does and/or is capable of doing with respect to providing resources to support improved learning outcomes (e.g., EAL, EPs, special subject consultants, etc). SAC members questioned whether HRCE is providing resources to address challenges such as population growth, Covid-related lack of socialization for the youngest students, etc.

Discussion and general approval of the school's matrix of expectations presented by Ms. Barron.

Events: Halloween parade on Friday, October 30. Remembrance Day assembly is being planned.

**NEXT MEETING**: November 17, 2025