



SAC MEETING MINUTES

Duc d'Anville Elementary School

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Monday, November 17, 2025, 4:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Nicholas Graham, Anne Martin, Nicole Mosher (secretary), Jane Newton (chair), Jessica DeViller, Moira Marks, Sarah Barron (acting vice principal), Amy Weedon (principal)

REGRETS

Nancy Taylor, Dave Kilgour

call to order	4:35 pm	adjournment	5:29 pm
approval of agenda	moved: Moira Marks	seconded: Nicholas Graham	
approval of minutes	moved: Moira Marks	seconded: Anne Martin	

NOTES

Principal's report (attached): enrolment is at 523. Mme. Allen is leaving on a deferment in February. A French-qualified teacher has been hired to replace her.

Student Success Plan: Ms. Barron presented the "Everyday Speech" program for potential purchase by the SAC. The basic subscription fee listed is \$499 USD for 12 months or \$60/month. It is a "social/emotional curriculum" for grades P-6. Anne moved that the SAC fund the purchase of a licence up to \$599 USD, with the exact subscription to be determined by Ms. Barron. Nicholas seconded; motion passed. Ms. Weedon said she would like to take a closer look at the program before it is purchased.

The matrix of expectations presented at last month's meeting is part of the school's well-being goal. The matrix is taught daily and is part of the daily announcements.

An equity day is planned for January; the whole school will participate. Lesson plans have been developed to teach in areas where support is needed, such as conflict resolution, body positivity/body shaming and microaggressions.

The equity team is learning about equitable teaching practices. Teachers were surveyed to determine their level of knowledge in different subject areas. A provincially mandated teaching support team is available to teachers. They can educate teachers on subjects such as treaty education and trauma-informed teaching. The focus on equitable teaching practices will be seen more in cycle 2 of the SSP.

The grade 6 leadership team and PAL will receive equity training. Some grade 5 students may also receive the training so they are ready for the next school year.

SAC funds: The current balance is 6388.77. The funds for the 2025-26 school year have not yet been received.

Discussion: Additional discussion on the age vs life of the modular classrooms. HRCE Executive Director met with Ms. Weedon and discussed that there is an anticipated reduction in immigration which may reduce pressure on the schools. SAC members suggested the new communities being built have not been taken into account when predicting future enrolment numbers.

Anne asked for staff input on how to spend SAC funds, such as school trips. We discussed the importance of spending SAC funds so it's clear that the funds are needed. Ms. Weedon said the SAC's help in funding class trips (especially buses) was very important last year. Ms. Weedon said Mr. Stevenson may have a proposal for something to be purchased for phys. ed. Jane suggested teachers should start thinking about year-end class trips now, so that they won't miss their chance to send students on great class trips.

Events: Holiday concerts will be December 9 (band & P-3) and December 10 (strings & grades 4-6). Bingo is rescheduled to January. African Heritage Month kick-off will be in February.

DUC D'ANVILLE ADMINISTRATION REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025

SAC Finances: Our current balance is \$6388.77

Enrollment (521)

Staffing Mme. Allen is going on deferred; a qualified French teacher has been hired for February 1.

Student Success Plan

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.

Equity Team training update – Equity Assembly, responding to issues that we see repeating at the school

Equitable Teaching Practices – discussed Tier 1 supports and broadening our understanding of Tier 1 supports that are rooted in behaviour and using MTSS to leverage student achievement

Highlights of the Regional Executive Director's visit

Proposal: Everyday Speech

Reviewed Behaviour Matrix again – discuss how we are reviewing it with staff (consistently) and with students

Events: French Café, BINO (cancelled), Holiday concerts (9th P-3 and 10th 4-6), Grade 3 and 5 classes are going to Roar of the Rings Curling, Hear me Roar (facilitated by Schools Plus), and Feed NS donations.

ACTION ITEMS

- Ms. Weedon to ask teachers to start thinking about year-end class trips so buses and activities can be booked
- Jane to send September's and October's SAC minutes to Ms. Barron to be posted on school website.

NEXT MEETING: January 26, 2026