



SAC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Duc d'Anville Elementary School library

Duc d'Anville Elementary School
12 Clayton Park Drive
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ATTENDANCE

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

REGRETS

Dave Kilgour, Nicole Mosher

call to order	4:40 pm	adjournment	5:40 pm
approval of agenda	moved: Nancy Taylor	seconded: Jessica DeViller	
approval of minutes	moved: Jessica DeViller	seconded: Nancy Taylor	

NOTES

Gaga ball pit and mud kitchen: The proposal to purchase and install a gaga ball pit and mud kitchen has been sent to HRCE. HRCE's maintenance manager visited the school and determined that the area in front of the school where the smaller playground was located is acceptable for the gaga ball pit and the former garden area (pre-primary space) is acceptable for the mud kitchen. The only remaining issues are how to level the ground for the gaga ball pit. PTA co-chair Laura Desprey said her husband may be able to do it. Also, the mud kitchen will have to be secured to the school or anchored into the ground so it is not stolen. HRCE's maintenance manager also noted that the garden area has a steep grade, and steps or a ramp might be required to ensure the area is accessible. Now that the site has been declared acceptable, Ms. Weedon will follow up with HRCE to see what the next steps are.

Mural: Michael Burt provided a mock-up of a design for a mural with the school name to go on the side of the school near the main entrance. The mural will cost \$5000. Jane proposed that the SAC and PTA split the cost of the mural. Jane will ask PTA for funds at the meeting immediately after the SAC meeting. Ms. Weedon contacted HRCE about the policy for painting murals and will provide an update when she has one.

School yard/equipment: There was a brief discussion of the location of the bike racks that were brought in for last week's bike rodeo. They will be moved to a different location on the school property. Nancy called 311 to report that one of the pieces (the dinosaur) is broken. There was a discussion about painting the Jersey barriers that separate the walking routes from the parking lot to make them look nicer.

Review of SAC agreement and bylaws: Discussion of bylaws and agreement, including whether to include a designated seat for a member of a racialized community, and whether the appropriate number of absences to lead to a member vacating their position should be three consecutive meetings (as it is currently) or three in total. Jane to update agreement and bylaws update "school improvement plan" to "student success plan" and make other minor changes. Redline version of agreement and bylaws to be sent with minutes.