

**Duc d’Anville Elementary School
School Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the SAC Meeting Monday, Oct 4, 2021

Location: Zoom

Attendance: Nicholas G, Moira M, Anne M, Ken G, Nancy T, Nicole M, Joanne K , Shauna M, Adam G

Called to order at 4:30

Approval of Agenda – Moved by Moira, with an addition of “school grounds” added by Nicholas

Approval of Minutes – Moved by Nicholas

Membership Review – Raechelle resigned, Nicholas returns as community member. Adam to recruit a new parent representative and to try to include diversity considerations. Adam mentioned there is a standing spot for diversity representation. Anne (chair) and Nicole (secretary) agreed to keep their current roles.

Business arising from previous meeting summaries:

Update on new sign – Sign was delayed to use the funds for the new classroom phone system.

New Photographer – Shauna said things went smoothly with the new photographer

Outdoor Classroom – Plans were submitted, we are in the queue. As there is some backlog we anticipate our classroom will be ready in the Spring.

School improvement plan update (standing item) – Adam said the direction from Elwin is to have all students grade 2 and below to be reading at their grade level by the end of the year. Though this is always a goal, there will be additional accountability and teachers are to estimate and report how many students are at grade level. Anne asked about EAL students. Adam said this will be an opportunity to demonstrate how Duc d’Anville has special challenges. Anne asked if that would mean there would be additional support.

New Business :

School Grounds – Adam has requested repainting of the office and hallways. Driveway and landscaping requests have also been made. Nicholas thought those had been requested and on the agenda years ago and pointed out that the poor drainage and rough grounds are tripping hazards. Adam said a staff member was injured tripping on school property last year. Moira mentioned it made it difficult to push a wheelchair, and Nicholas added that parents bring strollers.

Covid Response – Anne sent correspondence regarding the covid outbreak at the school but had yet to receive a response.

Principal's report – attached. Additional discussion: Adam said the new staff are fitting in well. The split lunch hours have cut down on behaviour issues like those previously arising from soccer. This was initiated in part because there wasn't enough staff to maintain a single lunch hour. Anne suggested the community could step up if the breakfast program has any difficulties. Anne asked if the improvement in student behaviour was related to having 2 buildings but Joanne suggested it was influenced more by the split recesses and lunches.

Public Input – no new discussion items

Next meeting: Nov 8 2021

Adjournment

Post Meeting Correspondence: October 8, 2021, in response to a request of Adam Griffin, Nicole made a motion for the SAC to contribute \$1000 towards compensation for the Arabic language interpreter, Nicholas seconded. The motion passed via email response with quorum.