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MINUTES:
DOVERCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL SAC MEETING

October 6 2026 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Present: Deborah Aarts, Sam Bigelow, Adam Boyle, Nicola Elbro, Kim Keitner, David Rubinger, Deborah Walsh, Paul Tichonczuk, Chris Antenik
Christina Cathcart, Jen Ko, Justin Jacot (for Kendra)
Alan Malolos (Principal)

Regrets: Kate Pilgrim, Katie Quach, Sarah Weaver, Lisa Kotsopoulos, Lisa Clapperton, Ben Stevenson, Hilary Hall, Matt Zulawski,Jessie Cowe, Jen Danch,Kelly MacCready,Chris Phillips,Marly Reed, Lauren Skanes, Kendra Stanyon

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Land Acknowledgment ● **Approvals for:** ● **Agenda** ● **Prior Minutes**	No motions between meetings	-Nicola - Sept. minutes approved by Deb A and seconded by Deb.W - Agenda approved by Paul T. and seconded by Kim

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Sac Elections >>>>>>>>	Anonymous voting to establish voting members(candidates here) School Council Nominations 2026-2027.docx QUESTION before voting- What do we typically vote on? Usually funds requested by the school. All potential voting members are approved and eligible to vote; Adam Boyle, Ben Peto, Christina Cathcart, David Rubinger, Deborah Aarts, Deborah Walsh, Hilary Hall, Hooman Rowshanbin, Jen Ko, Jessie Cowe, Kate Pilgrim, Kendra Stanyon, Kim Keitner, Lauren Skanes, Marly Reed, Matt Zulawski, Nicola Elbro, Sam Bigelow, and Sarah Weaver. **Congratulations to all and Thank you!**	>>>>>> We need to fill roles.
SAC leadership roles:	It's now on SAC voting members to appoint leadership roles.>>>>>> Here is a list of roles for which individuals have indicated interest. • **Executive roles** These are roles that must be filled, and must be held by voting members. ○ **Co-chairs:** Open. (We have a few people considering, but no one 100% in—as you'll read below, this is something we need to sort out sooner rather than later!) ○ **Treasurer:** Matt Zulawski (Alternate: Open)	Per Alan Malolos, we must confirm these roles before October 15, 2026. e).

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SAC leadership roles:	○ **Secretary:** Kate Pilgrim (Alternate: Open) ● **Non-executive roles/committees** These are roles that are optional, and do not need to be held by voting members ○ **Communications:** Deborah Aarts and Kim Keitner ○ **Community outreach:** Open ○ **Events:** Deborah Aarts, Kim Keitner and Marly Reed ○ **Enrichment:** Kenya Stanyon and Jessie Cowe ○ **Greening/Eco team:** Deborah Walsh, Jessice Cowe and Nicola Elbro ○ **Tech subcommittee:** Hilary Hall and Ben Stevenson ○ **Division reps:** ■ JK/SK: Sarah Weaver ■ Primary (1-3): Christina Cathcart and Nicola Elbro ■ Junior (4-6): Open ■ Intermediate (7-8): Open Unless there's any objection, we can consider these roles appointed. **Please let Nicola and/or I know if:** ● If you've put your hand up for one of these roles but might want to do something else instead (like, say, co-chair...) ● If you'd like to shadow/serve as alternate Treasurer or Secretary. ● If you'd like to join a subcommittee or help with a non-executive role this year as a non-voting member. I've	October 15 deadline

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SAC leadership roles:	BCC'd some of you who've been involved with SAC before, and who may wish to help in these areas. **Please let Nicola and/or I know if:** ● If you'd be willing to lead (or co-lead) one event this year, such as dance-a-thon, movie night, holiday market. You'd be more than welcome to join the Events team as a single-event organizer. We're also hoping to strike up a dedicated Spring Fling subcommittee, whose primary job is to work on that event, as usual. ● If you have any concerns about any of the above. **The Great SAC Co-Chair Search of 2026:** Obviously, **our most pressing job right now** is to fill the role(s) of co-chairs before October 15th. I've finished my two years in the role, and Nicola is considering whether she can return. (If she does, she isn't able to do it alone.) So we're asking each of you to consider putting your hand up. We know co-chairing can seem like a lot, but it doesn't have to be, especially with two (or maybe even three?) people sharing the role. ● The main practical responsibilities are scheduling and chairing our meetings, meeting with Alan on a regular (or semi-regular) basis, and developing agendas for meetings. ● Co-chairs can divide these responsibilities, if they like: For example, one could handle meetings with Alan, while another develops the agenda and/or chairs meetings.	October 15 deadline Deb. A would be happy to advise this year's co-chairs in the capacity of Past Chair for this year—I'll be around and want the transition to be smooth. I've found being co-chair very rewarding, and I learned a lot in my two years in the role. If you're up for sharing the job, or are even on the fence, please consider doing it. Until we have co-chairs, our council will not be able to do very much, if anything. Deb. A

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SAC Slack application	• You can read other responsibilities here. (Don't let some of the intense TDSB-template language deter you: Most are a reasonably light lift, in my experience.) **SAC Slack:** We're trying hard to cut down on the volume of emails, and a few members have indicated it'd be great to move as much conversation as possible (especially around organizing and logistics) to our Dovercourt SAC Slack channel. Here's an invitation to join. Please join, or re-activate your account, so we can avoid duplicate messages in multiple forms of media. (If you're not familiar with Slack, it's pretty intuitive once you get the hang of it: Here's a quick guide for new users.)	>Please join the slack group.
Principal's Report Alan Malolos	**Police Checks required for all SAC members and school volunteers.** Alan informed us that the TDSB now requires all voting members to get a Toronto Police Services Criminal Record & Judicial Matters Check (CRJMC), also known as a Level 2 check. This is a very new requirement that he was only made aware of yesterday afternoon. He will be emailing every voting member about this in the days to come. Just sharing as a heads up. **Curriculum Night: October 22 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** This is not a parent interview night. It is an opportunity to see your child's class and see how the curriculum is structured.	>They are back logged at Toronto Police Services. Please apply asap. Thanks. > Look out for an email with more details >**From SAC** - We decided to once again host our winter gear and hallowe'en costume swap, and to sell t-shirts and totes. We'll be announcing and promoting details in the next few days, but if you're interested in volunteering, we've pulled together a quick sign-up sheet.

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Principle's Report	The schedule is tight and if you have more than three children please contact the teacher to see if they can accommodate a visit. At 5:30 there will be a grade 8 information session around high school registration with Mary Tsilka. Questions welcome. **Progress Reports** - **November 17th** Physical and digital copies will be sent out along with instructions. This report has no grades. It is an early indicator of how the student is doing. Parent/Teacher Interviews: **November 19th,** 3:30 - 7:00 **November 20th,** Daytime appointments **November 20th is a P/A Day** **Costume Parade- October 30th.** There will be a sign- in area at the gate. **Expectations of Parents and Guardians on school property;** This is a critical safety issue to ensure we know who is in and on school property. The goal is to limit strangers in the building. - Official drop off areas are at the fence of each area -Use the front door only if picking up your child early or arriving late. -Sign in at the office and they will give you a visitor badge (if needed)	
Treasurer Report **Communication Updates**		
Eco/Greening Updates	> Same as last meeting. No additional funding requests	> Please let Deborah know if you would like to help

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EVENTS	>Hilary and Ben will update > Deb W. has started the process with Mary Tsilka to plant 400 bulbs **Curriculum Night -** We decided to once again host our winter gear and hallowe'en costume swap, and to sell t-shirts and totes. This is a great opportunity to clear out stuff your kids have outgrown, and/or pick up some gear that fits them now—all at no cost. This year's swap will include the following **clean** and **gently used** donated items: • Kids' **winter outdoor gear** (coats, snow pants, boots, mittens, gloves, scarves, skates, hockey helmets, etc.); • Kids' **Hallowe'en costumes;** and • Gently used **Dovercourt Spirit Wear.** **To donate items:** Please look through your closets and drop your gear off **before noon on October 22nd**. You can donate your items in the boxes located at the main school entrance, off Bartlett Ave. Please ensure all items are **clean**, in **good condition**, and **appropriate for school**. **To take items:**	>**Volunteers needed:** Can you help us sort gear, set up, or clean up on October 22? Please sign up for a volunteer shift using this form, or email us at and we'll put you to work! We're at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.

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Next Meeting	**Curriculum Night** **We'll have new Dovercourt t-shirts for sale, too:** **We will also be selling new** Dovercourt Dragons t-shirts for $20 each (in child and adult sizes), and tote bags for $25 each, as a fundraiser for the school.	
Other	**Next SAC meeting:** We set a placeholder for the next SAC meeting to take place on Monday, November 9th at 6:00pm at the school (unless our new co-chairs feel differently!).	Add to next Agenda for follow up
	>Adam Boyle and Paul T. will help Alan with our sound system in the gym. It has not been working well.	Add to next Agenda for follow up
	> Pizza Lunch- Pizza lunches have contributed to almost $20,000 in funds to help our school! The office has traditionally been doing the administration around this with volunteer SAC members handing out the slices. This year the school would like more support from SAC.	Add to next Agenda- If interested, please reach out to Alan.
	Caring and Safe Schools Committee>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	
	This is an initiative to ensure kids feel safe at school. Anti-bullying.	

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