



SAC VOLUNTEER FORM

MINUTES: DOVERCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL SAC MEETING

October 20, 2025 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Present: Deborah Aarts, Nicola Elbro, Jodi Greenwood, Matt Zulawski, Paul Tichonczuk, Deborah Walsh, Chris Antonik, Kate Pilgrim, David Rubinger, Adam Slight, Lisa Kotsopoulos

Regrets: Nahum Mann, Katie Quach, Sarah Weaver, Hilary Hall, Peggy Gibbons, Lisa Clapperton, Adam Boyle, Husniya Gasimova, Francisco Jimenez, Sam Bigelow, Katie Piccott, Ana Luisa Vazquez, Lu Rodrigues

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome and Land Acknowledgment • Approvals for: • Agenda • Prior Minutes	Motions between meetings : None	October Agenda approved by Deb A and seconded by Matt September Minutes approved by Nicola and seconded by Deb A
Principle's Report Jodi	Facilities - Boiler system is complete and we have heat, each room now has a thermostat	

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	- Previous evening caretakers have moved to new schools, there is one new evening caretaker and one returning to Dovercourt <u>Staff</u> -No changes to report <u>Caring and Safe Schools</u> - Committee meetings will start soon with two parents interested in joining - 2 fire drills to be held next week - Focus will be on making necessary changes to exits to eliminate bottlenecking - Link for Vulnerable Sector Check has gone up on SAC website and teachers are also sending info out to class families <u>Clubs/Extracurriculars</u> - Busy time for soccer and cross country, volleyball and basketball to start up soon - 2 book clubs, Eco Club and Queer Student Association (QSA) will be starting up as well <u>Professional Development</u> - Staff have attended various training programs (literacy, eco, digital lead learner	
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	- PA days have focused on AI learning and tackling racism <u>Excursions, Enrichment & Leadership</u> - Gr. 4 students are attending Swim to Survive in the next weeks to learn survival skills in the water - Terry Fox run happening this week - Student Council will begin next week, supported by Gr. 7 & 8 teachers - Last year Student Council supported SAC efforts during Dance-a-Thon - SAC should find more opportunities to work together (providing land acknowledgements at meetings/events is another possibility) <u>Upcoming Special Days</u> - Pizza days returning Nov. 6 (families can sign up using School Cash Online) - PA Day and Parent/Teacher interviews to take place Nov 14	>SAC to invite Student Council reps to a future meeting once up and running and seek opportunities to work together >SAC to organize sign up for parent volunteers to help with pizza day
Treasurer's Report Matthew & David	<u>Current Balance</u> - Current balance just under \$26,000	

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	- A handful of expenses from the end of last school year still be managed and paid to Dovercourt (approx. \$7600) <u>Other</u> - Main sources of revenue continue to be Spring Fling, Dance-a-Thon, and Fresh from the Farm - May pursue possibility of more grants for the school this year but SAC will require resourced to research and pursue	
2025/2026 Budget Deb A, Nicola, Matt and David	<u>2025/2026 Budget:</u> - Matt, David, Jodi and Deb A met to put together draft budget proposal which was reviewed and discussed by SAC members - SAC aims to work less reactively and do more strategic planning moving forward - Proposed budget includes areas that have been prioritised in the past as well as new requests from staff (*note – new requests came in after draft budget prepared, including an increase from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for field trip buses) - Jodi has applied for a \$15,000 STEAM grant, which if successful would free up approx. \$3,000 from current draft <u>Items Discussed:</u>	

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	- Outdoor learning dollars earmarked for Eco Club or class needs - Phys Ed/Wellness funds requested for sports equipment, specifically to replace outdoor basketball net and to purchase storage bin for new balls (the idea to 'name' school balls for increased accountability was shared) - Scientist in School (or similar program) likely to be covered by money raised via pizza lunches, but will continue as a line item in the budget - Significant request in STEAM category for woodworking supplies - SAC might consider purchasing laptops to complement this year's school purchase of 10 - Whether to renew school movie licence remains TBD (unclear who was providing license and how it was being utilized in the school beyond Movie Night) - Motion made to approve current budget as a guiding framework with a plan to continue discussion of movie license and laptop purchase (along with other changes as they arise)	>SAC to identify an individual to research possibility of grants for certain line items >SAC and/or Jodi to determine who these funds go to and how broadly service being used in the school >Budget approved by Deb W and seconded by Nicola with no objections >Budget to become standing agenda item
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Requests for funding	To be discussed further at November meeting	
Events Deb A and Nicola	- Super Swap was successful but warm weather impacted winter donations - Share info about the event earlier next year to increase participation - Dance-a-Thon to take place in February this year and planning will begin at November meeting - Proposal to set date for Spring Fling – May 29th	>Dance-a-Thon planning to be added to November Agenda >Jodi to check date and confirm
Enrichment Updates	To be discussed further at November meeting	

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Fundraising Updates	- Fresh from the Farm brought in \$844 - Entripy no longer the vendor for Spirit Wear and still owes Dovercourt rebate money - School Council Innovation Grant deadline Nov. 28	> New strategy/vendor for Spirit Wear to be added to November agenda > Discuss grant strategy at November meeting or in the interim now that budget is approved
Eco Club Updates	No Update	
Meeting Schedule Deb A and Nicola	- Meetings to continue on 3rd Monday of the month, next meeting Nov 17 - No objections to continuing covering childcare costs	
Other Business and Adjournment Deb A and Nicola	- Adam Slight will join as lead on Communications - Discussion re: whether school advisory councils can be considered non-profits and therefore be eligible for certain benefits - Jodi thanked SAC for ensuring classes will benefit from the approved budget - Meeting Adjourned	>Chris volunteered to review Education Act for more info

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