

DURBIN CREEK SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Start: 4:05 PM End: 4:52 PM

Recorder: Dara Giddings, SAC member and parent

Welcome and Call to Order: Call to order at 4:05 PM

Review of November 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve: Wendy Napier Seconded: Indra Reddy

Budget Review: Holding at \$852.61.

Mrs. O'Brien will be at the next meeting in February if we still need her to come in.

Grade Level Team Reports:

Resource – Teri Heath: Art: Square1 Fundraiser was a success. Will be used to purchase clay in the spring. Music: Chorus Winter Concert is in school tomorrow and Thursday for students and Thursday evening for Parents. Media: Mrs O'Brien went to a concert and won 3 tables. Contest for Penny Draws a Best Friend, can also write a review of a book to go on Bulletin outside of media center. PE is trying to stay warm on cool days. May be planning for a surprise snowball fight for the kids. STEM we are meeting our hour of code challenge for this quarter and will be moving into Legos and OZO bots for next quarter. Unfortunately, the Players Fund did not have a fall grant, so I will be looking for a Spring one.

5th Grade – Alexandra Goetz:

Science:

-Concluded Science Unit 3 Forces and Motion

-Started Topic 4, The Solar System and the Universe. Students will be distinguishing objects in the solar system, recognize major common characteristics of planets, and recognize what our galaxy consists of.

Math:

-Concluded Topic 6 – Understanding Division with decimals using models, place value strategies, and properties.

-This week started Topic 7, representing patterns and data on the Coordinate Plane. Last topic before break.

Reading:

Currently in reading, students have been focusing on literary standards- character perspective, poetry, and figurative language. In January, we will continue literary standards, reading fiction passages with a focus on Plot and Theme.

Writing:

Students have been focusing on informative (expository) essays for the last few months and preparing for FAST Writing. In January, we will be moving into argumentative essays, otherwise known as opinion essays.

Social Studies:

Students are in the midst of Unit 4: Exploration and Colonization of North America. After Unit 4, which incorporates chapters 6 and 7, students will be moving into Unit 5: Revolution and Independence!

There will also be an in-school field study called Hands-On History, all about the Revolutionary War, on February 11th that aligns with this unit of study.

5th Grade Updates:

Yearbook – 5th Memory Message are available for purchase

Morning News Auditions – Online permission slips, 2 teacher recommendations, Record Audition – Due Friday December 13th to Mrs. O'Brien

FAST Testing Dates- After Winter break

Field Trips! -

Today students will be bringing home two permission slips for our last two in school field studies this year in 5th grade:

MOSH: How Slow Can You Go – January 23rd or 24th (each class will have an assigned time on one of these days) Cost: \$9

Hands-on-History: Revolutionary War – February 11th Cost: \$6

Please complete both permission slips and return to school for your child to participate by Jan. 15th, 2025. In School Pay both field trips are merged for a total cost of \$15. The Schoolpay link to pay for both: <https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/5th-Grade-In-House-Field-Studies/SbJJK9>

****Please note:** The permission slip for our Universal Trip – March 13th –

Schoolpay link will be available next Tuesday, Dec. 17th

4th Grade – Wendy Napier: ELA we have moved on to Realistic Fiction. Drilling down on plot; this is a big opportunity to introduce terminology that they need in 5th Grade. Math – factors, multiples, primes, and composites. Science: working in life sciences, how plants and animals interact with the environment. Social studies we are talking about the colonization of Florida. FAST will be after winter break.

3rd Grade: No report sent.

2nd Grade - Jean Kepner – Reading we are focusing on context clues and different strategies we can use to figure out the word. Math we are working on 2 part word problems and continue to work on balancing equations. Science we have been working on the Human body with some cool lessons on Mystery Science. Next week we will be shifting to Social Studies and holidays around the world. STAR testing finished reading last week and this week we are focusing on Math testing. Next week will be

either a puzzle exchange or a book exchange based on the teacher as well as a holiday breakfast in each class.

1st Grade – Sophie Weiler: Math we are working on counting forwards and backwards by one, skip counting, counting by 5s and 10s. Writing we are doing opinion writing and connecting it to Social Studies conversations about Holidays around the world. Reading we are doing Spiral Reviews. Next week is the Polar Café with parents coming in to serve the kids. They have to do Math to figure out how much money they need to buy breakfast. Glued sounds in Phonics. Have also done our FAST testing and the results will be coming home soon.

Kindergarten – Madison Weinberg: Just finished Gingerbread unit with compare and contrast the different stories. Graphed cookies and made gingerbread houses. Also working on Holidays around the World. Working on retelling characters and setting, rhyming, and focusing on ending sounds. Math we are focused on subtraction. Next Wednesday is Reindeer games, and a book exchange.

Pre K – Jill Tor: Still working on social skills. We have a range of ages, so we are constantly working on social skills, waiting, following directions, etc. We have been doing Holiday Crafting. Next week will be more “chill” and spend time enjoying each other and working on Fine Motor Skills.

Yearbook cover competition we have selected to top 3, they will be sent to Morning News to share with the families. It was so hard to choose, so many skilled and amazing submissions. If you have photos, please email them to Jill Tor.

Principal’s Report with Mrs. McCormick: Super hard time of year to gather, thank you so much for joining us. If you listened to Mrs. Weinberg, they are the reason for all the festive days, such as Grinch day coming. We have had a little bit of an underground spirit day, so kids have been having a laugh trying to figure out what we are doing. On top of all that we are testing again. K-2 is doing STAR and when we get back in January we will start FAST Testing with 3-5 graders. We are already mid-year which is just crazy how fast we get here every year. We will be getting together as Teams to see what adjustments we need to help our students. Planning and Accountability as the District has been able to give us predictors for the kids, so it’s great to have that data for our students. Holiday Shop is rocking, tomorrow Mrs. Romero will be starting with her winter concerts. Next week we finish up assessments and sail into winter break. We did add more gravel spaces over by the pre-k drop off. Not a huge number of spaces, but it has made a difference. There are now bumpers to help parents know where to park. As well as some other little projects that will hopefully happen over winter break, the oasis will get painted, some fences, playground enhancements. We know we still have our challenges on Race Track Road, and we have gotten emails from parents sharing their concerns and then we send that right to Deputy Tillet and to the Sheriff’s office. We believe that is a full time no U-turn but we are going to clarify it with the city. Unfortunately, people are not as considerate, and we all know that. We will see if the sheriff can come out to monitor it more often.

Pre-K registration we will send a blast email when registration for the lottery will open. This is only for 12 students, assuming we still have 5 classrooms. There is always a chance that we won’t have as many classes, but we fight really hard for it.

District Slide Presentation Review SAC Responsibilities/Q&A

Each meeting must start with a budget report. Guidelines and guidance for funds distribution. Start planning in January for report to be sent in May.

Questions/Comments: None

SAC Meeting Date: February 11, 2025, No Meeting in January

Adjournment: PM Motion: Wendy Napier Seconded: Madison Weinber

Members Present:

In person: Wendy Napier, Teri Heath, Ashley McCormick, Indra Reddy, Dara Giddings

Virtual: Alexandra Goetz, Carol Hardison, James Chen, Jean Kepner, Jenelle Dunathen, Jill Tor, Tanesha Arthur, Sophia Weiler