

DURBIN CREEK SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Start: 4:10 PM End:

Recorder: Dara Giddings, SAC member and parent

Welcome and Call to Order: Call to order at 4:10 PM

Review of December 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve: Wendy Napier Seconded: Jean Kepner

Budget Review: Holding at \$852.61 – no changes

Funding Request for Andrea O'Brien; the program was fully funded from other source.

Surveys: Faculty and Parent Surveys. No changes from the surveys sent last year. No comments to request changes so no motion to approve is required. The deadline is to be completed at the end of March.

Grade Level Team Reports:

Resource: Book Fair starts next Tuesday, Battle of the Books team has been chosen. Will happen end of March, and an author visit will be coming soon. Art- finishing up their art for the Art Show on April 25. About to go into lessons on clay. STEM moving into building with Lego kits. Motion for 2 -5 and then kits with coding. K & 1 will be using coding express kits, so they get a good visual on how coding works. PE character cup. Music – going to be getting new mallets that PTO has purchased for them.

5th Grade: Science and Math – Concluded weather, climate and the water cycle and about to start the changes in environments. Math concluding a unit where they work with fractions and whole numbers

Reading: Literary standards in fiction as well as in poetry. Next unit will be spiraling all the skills we have taught this year, more historical based combining some non-fiction along with historical fiction text. Social Studies – revolution and independence. Events that led up to the war, during, and after the war ended. Today we had in the school field study all about the revolutionary war, and they got to rotate through 8 different areas to apply some of their skills.

Writing Test coming in April. Really focusing on Argumentative essays.

Fifth Grade messages are due soon. The last field trip of the year is on March 13 to Island of Adventure.

4th Grade: ELA – traditional tales. Sets the stage for the most challenging standard which is Theme. Math we are also studying fractions. In science we are talking about rocks, minerals, and natural resources. Social Studies we are talking about Florida's Role in the civil war. Very excited for an in-school field trip – Challenge Island, a hands-on STEM Field Trip. Kids get to be creative with different materials and challenges. On March 11 & 13.

3rd Grade: In January we finished progress monitoring for FAST. Literature we are working on poetry and then will be working on Author. Math is fractions. Working on stars and gravity. Suns will be going on soon. Social studies working on the US Government,

2nd Grade: Also went along with 100-day celebration. Reading – finishing theme and then working on Author’s opinion. Math – place value, basics 1’s 10’ 100’s up to 1000. Going to begin working on what 100 more would look like, etc. Social Studies – the living history museum is coming with a variety of well-known or famous people. Students get to pick who they would like to represent, and they will be having the museum on March 12. Kids are learning about their person during social studies times and then will present in character the answers during the museum. Excited to celebrate Valentine’s Day by making their boxes and talking about spreading love, kindness, and including everyone.

1st Grade: Candyland Valentines Scoot. Academic activities in different rooms. March 11 is the last field study at JCA to see stories of Dr Seuss. Bookfair is coming up next week, February 18 – 28. Phonics – vowel teams. Writing – opinion writing. Math – add and subtract 1-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. President Day activities. 120 days of school to match the 120 charts.

Kindergarten: We just finished Groundhog Day and graphed our guesses of whether it would see its shadow. We also just had our 100 days of school. First Fieldtrip to the JCA to see Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Working on Teen numbers

Pre K: Doing awesome, more friends are joining their program. All are doing well. Going back to early release Wednesdays so will be resuming parent workshops. This week is Valentines during Teacher Service, so we will do that spread out over the week, so the students are not overwhelmed.

Yearbook – Deadline is coming but will likely extend it.

Principal’s Report with Mrs. McCormick: Biggest announcement – early release starts again tomorrow. Have been and will continue to send out messages reminding parents. Gives us opportunities to plan professional learning for our teachers and staff. Students are off Friday – Monday, but our staff will be doing behavior management training on Friday, February 14.

Still enrolling kids. It has kind of slowed down, but then it picks up again. Teachers are doing a great job adapting to our class sizes. Our clinic has been inundated in the last few weeks with lots of fevers and tummy things. The biggest thing we are saying is kids coming back too soon and then they relapse. Take your time, don’t worry, teachers will get the kids caught up, so please rest and feel better. Parents, please reinforce hand washing, using their hand sanitizers, and keeping fingers out of their mouths. Book Fair is coming, so information is coming on how to help your students shop and how to come and volunteer.

Progress monitoring 2 is over, now till April when PM 3 comes. Teachers are working super hard to stay on the course on what needs to be learned and on what we need to work on retaining. 3-5 is doing a deep dive into the data to look at specific strands of standards to evaluate why students may not have done well. Especially with MATH you see areas on the testing that we have not covered in the classroom yet, so don’t stress too much if that test number seems low. We have brought on 2 tutors for K, 2 & 3. First grade has an associate teacher who helps with their group. Superintendent search is the big district topic now. Community Forum notices should be coming out soon.

Tech Night Tonight online. A lot of parents have questions about technology in general, and believe it or not, we do have a lot of cell phone use in school and some inappropriate use of cell phones. So, if you have the time, please log on and learn a bit more about safety. Lots of emails about PTO events that are

coming, grade level trips. Before you know it, it will be Spring break and then the rest of the year goes really fast.

Questions/Comments:

SAC Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Adjournment: 4:48 PM Motion: Wendy Napier Seconded: Jean Kepner

Members Present:

In person: Ashley McCormick, Wendy Napier, Madelyn McLeod, Erica Warwick, Jean Kepner, Indra Reddy, and Dara Giddings

Virtual: Lindsey Mentzer, Tanesha Arthur, Kayla Tunnell, Jill Tor, Carol Hardison, Elizabeth Frankland, and Terry Heath.