

DURBIN CREEK SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Start: 4:02 PM End: 4:24 PM

Recorder: Dara Giddings, SAC member and parent

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Meeting started at 4:02 PM

**Approval of September Minutes:**

Motion: Sofia Pezzella

Seconded: Emily Hoover

Approved

**By Laws:**

Motion: Sarah Romero

Seconded: Emily Hoover

Approved

**New Members:** No new members to approve

**District Power Point on School Improvement Plan**

**Budget:** \$1194

**Teacher's Report:**

**Pre-K – Jill Tor:** At our usually beginning of the year rules rituals, and routines. Wrapping up our study on trees, and this week we will be making applesauce. We had a good turnout for Pajama Day, and we are excited for Fun Run on Friday. Next week we will move on to clothes.

**Kindergarten – Madison Weinberg:** Today we started WIN (What I Need). We also did Apple Week and last week was community helpers with the Fire Truck. Next week we will be talking about the police with a visit from a K9 Unit. Then we will be doing a week on Pumpkin life cycle and will compare that to apples.

**First Grade – Foundations:** have been working on glued sounds. Reading: Main topic and key details. Math: subtraction within 20. Writing: personal narrative. Next week is Bat Week with lots of fun Bat themed activities. And then the week after is Character Retelling and Pumpkin science.

**Second Grade – Jean Kepner:** In Reading we are working on text features and completing different activities to learn about the types of text features and how they help us better understand what we are learning.

In math: We are finishing up topic 4 of adding using 2 step word problems and using place value blocks. We are practicing using different strategies to solve the problems. In topic 5 we will be subtracting with numbers up to 100.

We are getting ready to do Fall Rotations on October 31. We will have several activities with a theme of the fall/autumn season. Each teacher will host their own activity in their classroom for students to visit and work on.

We continue to have parent/teacher conferences to update families on how their child is doing and next steps to keep them on track for success.

We are excited about the fun run Friday. Thank you for all the donations.

**Third Grade** – Warwick/Wright: ELA – central idea cause/effect, starting Author’s claim. Math we are building foundations for multiplication and relating division to multiplication. And starting topic 5 which is shapes. Social Studies we have been studying math and are about to start the southwest regions, and science we are about to start our unit on plants

**Fourth Grade** – Emily Hoover - ELA- central idea and text structures. Implied and Explicit and working on conflict in the plot of a story. Math coming unit will be multi digit division, science we are beginning plant reproduction. Social studies we have just finished with European Explorers and will have “Mad Science” at the end of the month with rotating classrooms and experiments.

**Fifth Grade** – Lindsay Menzter – Science topic 2 Energy, with lots of labs in the science classes, Math topic 3 & 4 multiplying multi-digit and decimal, Reading – reasons and reasoning and spiraling informational text standards together. Social studies comparing ancient civilizations. Figurative language costumes on Halloween. Universal Studios field trip in March

**Resource** – Sarah Romero – Music - Veterans Day program coming up next month, Chorus on Mondays and Thursdays. Art – pastels and square 1 holiday art fundraisers, Next unit will be textiles weaving and stitching. Media wrapped up the bookfair and was very successful. K-2 SSYRA Jr books; 3-5 destiny discover. PE- enjoying weather and holiday games. STEM - introducing Typing.com and brain flakes. Students have all started their grade level Code.com and can access it all from home using their clever

**Principal’s Report:** Was unable to attend and notes are in mailbox.

**Questions/Comments:** none

**SAC Meeting Date:** December 9, 2025

**Adjournment:** 4:24 PM

**Motion:** Sofia Pezzella

**Second:** Sarah Romero

**Members Present:**

**In person:** Erica Warwick, Allie Wright, Dara Giddings, Sofia Pezzella

**Virtual:** Lindsay Mentzer, Jill Tor, Jenelle Dunathan, Indra Reddy, Elizabeth Teelon, Madison Weinberg