

DURBIN CREEK SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

Start: 4:01 PM End: 4:32 PM

Recorder: Alexis Wright, SAC Co-Chair and Instructional

Welcome and Call to Order: Meeting started at 4:01 PM

Approval of October Minutes:

Motion: Kelsey Peryam

Seconded: Jean Kepner

Approved

New Members: Kelsey Peryam and Christen Stettler

Motion: Jean Kepner

Seconded: Janie Olson

Approved

District Power Point on School Recognition Funds

Budget: \$1194

Teacher's Report:

Pre-K – Jill Tor: Moving into our building study learning the different part of the house and tools. We are incorporating fun winter activities into this like building gingerbread houses. Working on building routines and rituals as well.

Kindergarten – Whitney Witkowski: Finished November with thanksgiving fun activities and Pie tasting. We are learning about holidays around the world. Finished testins and out win groups are going well. Last week filled with fun activities before break.

First Grade – Janie Olson: Completing holidays around the world with snacks and activities. Going to end with the polar express and hot cocoa. Completing a pepepermin opinion wriint and working on compare and contrast two texts. Narrative writing. Author;s purpose and plavce value. We will be doing earth and space in science and MLK in social studies.

Second Grade – Jean Kepner: ELA – compare and contrast with nonfiction texts and real life comparisons. Math – fractions and equal parts. Basics of halves, thirds, fourths. Writing – fun narrative prompts that go along with winter. SS- holidays around the world and each countries holidays with fun passports and suitcases. Great representation of the students and families. Had a successful shopping time at the penguin patch with the budget. Finished star reading yesterday and will complete math

testing on Friday. Winter breakfast next week before group with a menu created by students – completing a puzzle or book exchange. Working on field trips for next semester.

Third Grade – Warwick/Wright: ELA – We are wrapping our compare and contrast unit on theme. Next we will be moving on to a non fiction unit where we will focus on the text structure of chronology, and reviewing summarizing and central idea. We are looking forward to seeing the growth students make on PM2 after break. Math – We are currently in topic 7 which is multi digit addition strategies. Next we will be moving on to Topic 8 which is multi digit subtraction strategies. S.S. – We are currently working on our Northeast region unit learning about the characteristics and each state. We also recently finished our unit on economics learning about scarcity, trade, currency of different countries, goods and services. Science – We will begin classifying animals next week. We also have out in school field study next with the Jacksonville Zoo. They will be bringing in animals native to Florida to tie to our standards on animals and the Southeast Region.

Fourth Grade – Emily Hoover – ELA – plot and point of view versus perspective. math – patterns factors and divisibility and moving into fractions. Writing – getting ready for the FAST test – argumentative and expository writing. S.S. – Florida and the civil war. Science – Mr. Zimmerman came in and did the difference between inferencing and observations – think we will move that earlier next year for connection to ELA. Chorus has been an exciting time for 4th graders. We have reindeer games and Grinch Day planned for next week. In February we will be going to NASA and switching to space in science leading up to this field trip.

Fifth Grade – Alexandar Goetz - Science we are working on space and it is normally the students favorite unit. Identifying what galaxy we are in and different space objects. Math – representing patterns and data on a coordinate plane – create mystery pictures and objects using coordinate planes. ELA – learning about character perspective and poetry with fictional text. S.S. – 13 colonies and how they were established.

Resource – PE- Holiday games in PE and starting to prepare for Character Cup tryouts. Application forms will go out next week and turned in the Thursday before Christmas Break for any students interested in trying out for the team. Tryouts will be held after we return from break.

Media - Students in PreK-2 are reading the books Penny Lu Porcupine and Mavis the Bravest. We are studying porcupines and also doing character compare and contrast. 3rd-5th is continuing to practice using Destiny Discover, our online library catalog. This can also be searched from home! Mrs. McCormick has also approved the Celebrate Literacy plan for the week of January 26-30th. The theme this year is Read, White, and Blue: Celebrating 250 Chapters of America.

Art - Students are finishing up their unit on weaving. Students started the unit with practice weaving using paper strips and looms. Now students from all grade levels have graduated to weaving on mat board looms using yarn and plastic needles. Thank you to our families for their contributions to our annual Square 1 keepsake fundraiser.

Music - There are 3 Chorus winter concerts (2 in school and one evening). The chorus is also performing at Chick Fil A Spirit night this Friday.

STEM - K-2 students are finishing up our Steam Park Lego builds and 3rd-5th with the BricQ Motion Lego kits. Students will also be completing Hour of Code this month in Code.org. In January, all students

will rotate between Typing.com and learning about architecture and blueprints as they create and build different designs.

Principal's Report:

Love hearing the grade level updates because it is always good to hear how the standards build upon each other. Everyone is doing a fantastic job on our grade levels. We continue to have a big emphasis on instructional process through our PLCs with admin and ILC and doing a lot of hard work. PLC is the deep dive into instruction that can be very powerful and messy as well with bigger grades. I want to commend all of our teams because they work so well and work through the hard moments for the students. Our teachers and resource team should be celebrated for that and the resource time allows the PLCs to have this time. District science came in and completed model lessons with our 4th graders and there were a lot of great learning moments for all staff. This is preparing these kids to the science questions they will see in the future for the science test in 5th grade. Seeing differentiation for all students, scaffolding, vocabulary pre-teaching. Through the PLC process we are closely monitoring our kids and anxious to dig into the PM2 data. This will be very important, especially in 3rd grade with the mandatory retention year. PBIS is still in swing here. Our students are responding to the rewards well and the common language implemented. We are rewarding each grade level with a pom pom for positive behavior in the Oasis and working towards a pizza party. Chorus and Mrs. Romero worked very hard with their performance for the winter program. They will sing at Chick-fil-a tomorrow night. Lots of events and volunteers may be needed next week for parent. Please make sure you are an approved volunteer through the raptor system. As we go into the New Year we are going to focus on engagement with families and communities. May push out some surbeys and have some discussions on SAC to brainstorm and find how we can best reach and help out families and communities. Please don't be shy about sharing input about this. Upcoming dates: Next Friday is the last day before winter break and it will be an early release day. There will be an altered Resource schedule. Students will return January 5th.

Questions/Comments: none

SAC Meeting Date: January 13th, 2026

Adjournment: 4:32 PM

Motion: Jean Kepner

Second: Kelsey Peryam

Members Present:

In person: Erica Warwick, Allie Wright, Kelsey Peryam, Jean Kepner, Ashley McCormick, Christen Stettler

Virtual: Whitney Witkowski, Emily Hoover, Andrea O'Brien, Alexandra Goetz, Elizabeth Teelon, Jill Tor, Indra Reddy, Jenelle