

DURBIN CREEK SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting minutes for Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Start: 4:07 PM End: 4:23 PM

Recorder: Dara Giddings, SAC member and parent

Welcome and Call to Order: Meeting started at 4:07 PM

Ratify all actions since August 2025. Motion: Kelsey Peryam **Second:** Jean Kepner

Approval of December 2025, January 2026, February 2026, March 2026, and April 2026 Minutes:

Motion: Kelsey Peryam **Second:** Jean Kepner

School Recognition Ballot Results: 107 total votes. Overwhelmingly voted to have all funds go to faculty and staff. **Motion:** Kelsey Peryam **Second:** Jean Kepner

Grade Level Reports:

Pre-K – Jill Tor – End of year and still working on roles and routines. Working on End of Year Pre-K Program. Water days will be the last week of school. VPK is finishing up testing. Finalized Smart Teach for the year.

Yearbooks are also available to go home.

Kindergarten – Working on end of year performance.

First Grade - Sophia Weiler – Reading: Reviewing story elements

Writing: Sharing our Animal Research Project books (presenting) and doing our gallery walk of books and home projects this week!

Science/ SS: Push and Pull; good, services, etc- celebrating USA's 250th birthday with a picnic next week

Math: reviewing first grade math skills (time, money, missing part) with exciting centers and a Math Mystery escape room

Second Grade – Jean Kepner - Reading – reviewing Plot as they begin with this in 3rd grade and continuing to encourage reading daily to build stamina for 3rd grade

Math – learning basics of multiplication, reviewing addition and subtraction with regrouping and any other challenging areas that students can use some extra help again

Writing – learning cursive and reviewing narrative writing

All of our state testing is done, yay! We are finishing up academic testing and teachers will be putting final academic grades in the system this week.

We released the Butterflies last month and the students enjoyed seeing them venture off into the world.

It has been a successful school year, and we wish everyone a great summer!

Third Grade – Alexis Wright – As of May 12; 3rd grade has completed their Reading and Math FAST assessments. As a grade level we are so proud of all students for their hard work this year and especially during these last few weeks as we reviewed and prepared for testing.

For the rest of the year 3rd grade classes will be working on novel studies, learning cursive, the study of the Caribbean and Mexico, making math board games, etc. to continue applying all that students have learned this year in an engaging way.

Fourth Grade – Emily Hoover – Fourth Grade finished testing today! They worked so hard for their answers. They had grit and stamina but they worked for that finish. Now we are going to talk about character, and do a novel study. Will bring in math standards and do a Geometry city. And tomorrow is grade level celebration with Chick-fil-A lunch.

Fifth Grade – Lindsey Cannon

5th graders completed their end of year FAST ELA assessment on Thursday, 5/7! And Math on Thursday, 5/14! As a grade level, we were SO proud of the effort we saw from our students- they worked so hard!!!

Students have also successfully completed all required 5th grade Math and Science content for the year. Over the past week, they have been engaged in an intensive review and will continue reviewing until FAST testing is complete. This review includes a variety of fun and engaging activities such as games and interactive flipbook packets, covering key standards from 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. These activities help students strengthen their skills, reinforce foundational concepts, and build confidence as they prepare for testing.

Upcoming Important 5th Grade Dates:

- May 14 – Math FAST
- May 21 – Science End of Year Exam
- May 25 – NO SCHOOL
- May 26 – Promotion Ceremony @ Creekside High School, 5:30 PM
- May 28 – End of Year Celebration (during school hours)
- May 29 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!! 🎉

Resource – Dara Giddings

STEM – This month we are wrapping up by rotating between Code.org or Typing.com on devices and engineering builds with two different kits. K-2 students are making different objects with colored geometric shapes and 3-5 students are creating geometric 3-D structures with various sized sticks and connectors. 5th graders are concluding their time on Typing.com this month. STEM awarded 38 Awesomely Accurate Typing awards for the upcoming 5th grade award ceremony. The criteria receiving an award was to type at least 30 words per minute with no less than 90% accuracy. Our top awards went to Jase Stimson with 88 words per minute and 95% accuracy and Edward Salamanca with 73 words per minute and 98% accuracy.

Music – In music Pre-K is learning about improvising dances while our Kindergarten and 1st grade students are working on Rhythm with egg shakers and tambourines. Our 2 – 5 Grade students are continuing to learn about the Instrument Families. Most classes have completed our Brass

Woodwind, and Strings Families. We are working with and around the state testing schedule to get in those last lessons on Percussion while combined with PE.

Media – Media Update: K-2 is wrapping up the SSYRA Jr. program with reading The Man Who Didn't Like Animals, The Spotless Giraffe, and The Fastest Tortoise in Town. We are working on the skill of Central Message in 2nd grade. K-1 is reading for enjoyment. Third grade is beginning an introduction to the Dewey Decimal System. 4th grade is finishing up their writing unit on research based upon the book Don't Trust Fish. Fifth grade is completing a Fractured Fairy Tale escape room. The new lists of SSYRA Jr and SSYRA books have been released. PTO has it in their budget to purchase a set of the 3-5 books for each 3-5 classroom for next year.

Art – Art is finishing model magic relief sculptures. 5th grade created a sculptural dragon's eye, 4th grade a super twisty ice cream treat, 3rd grade a delicious donut, 2nd grade a sedentary sun bather, 1st grade buzzing bumble bees and kindergarten some lovely lions.

PE - PE wrapped up PACER testing with 4th and 5th grades. PACER test is 20 meters long per lap and the longer you go, the shorter the time gets to complete. Top 5th graders were Ethan Kellogg-72 laps and Summer Cribbs-60 laps. Top 4th graders were Raam Sinnadurai-66 laps and Reagan Shoulders-52 laps.

Principal's Report: Ashley McCormick – A BIG THANK YOU! Thank you for being willing to show up and to support us when we need it. I'm so grateful for the hard work from staff and for everyone working together.

Questions/Comments: None.

SAC Meeting Date: Next Years Schedule TBD

Adjournment: 4:24 PM

Motion: Kelsey Peryam

Second: Jean Kepner

Members Present:

In person: Allie Wright, Erica Warwick, Dara Giddings, Sophia Weiler, Jean Kepner, Christian Stettler, Alexandria Goetz, Jill Tor, Emily Hoover, Kelsey Peryam, Ashley McCormick, Indra Reddy

Virtual: Diane Tucker