



Are you new to the Dovercourt PS community? Have you been here for a minute, but have always wondered: what exactly does SAC do, anyway?

Whatever the case, we've got you covered! Here are some SAC basics:

What SAC means: "SAC" stands for School Advisory Council (you may know it by its former name, the Parents' Council).

Who we are: The SAC is made up of parent and guardians from the Dovercourt community. We are all volunteers. Anyone can join!

Why we exist: We engage with the school on a variety of issues and activities relating to student achievement, enrichment, curriculum goals and priorities, school budget priorities, school safety, renovation plans, after school activities, and criteria for selection of new principals.

What we do: All sorts of things! We:

- Raise money for school enhancements through fun fundraisers, such as our fall Dance-a-thon.
- Organize events, like our Fall Open House and annual Spring into Summer end-of-year festival;
- Plan enrichment activities, such as optional after-school art and STEM programs;
- Support community initiatives, like community food drives; and
- Provide guidance to support our school.

When do we meet: Once a month during the school year, in the staff room at Dovercourt PS.

How you can help: There are many ways to get involved! Come to one of our monthly meetings (the next is on September 27th), volunteer for one of our events, donate to our fundraisers, or email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.

Welcome, or welcome back!

We at Dovercourt's School Advisory Committee (SAC) hope the 2023/2024 school year has been off to a fantastic start for you and your family. We're energized and eager to sharpen our (literal and metaphorical) pencils to help create another great year at Dovercourt.

Next SAC meeting: September 27th

Our first SAC meeting of the school year takes place this **Wednesday, September 27th, at 6:30pm** in the Dovercourt PS staff room. The staff room is located on the main floor of the school, directly north of the school office. If you've hit the upper gym, you've gone too far.

All Dovercourt parents, grandparents, and caregivers are welcome to attend. At this meeting, we'll talk about our upcoming SAC elections, fall events, fundraisers, and more. Free childcare is available at every SAC meeting.

The agenda for each SAC meeting is posted at our website, www.dovercourtsac.com.

The more people get involved, the stronger the council. Join us on September 27th!

SAC elections: Open positions

Every year, SAC elects volunteers to leadership positions to help steer and manage various initiatives. Here are the open roles for 2023/2024:

- **Chair (or Co-Chairs):** 1-2 positions
- **Secretary:** 1 position, 1 alternate
- **Treasurer:** 1 position, 1 alternate
- **Communications:** 1-2 positions
- **Events Team:** 2-4 positions
- **Community Outreach and Ward Rep:** 1 position
- **Community Rep:** TBD positions
- **Enrichment:** 1 position
- **Greening / Eco Team:** 1-2 positions
- **New: Pride Subcommittee:** TBD positions
- **New: Stop School Cuts Subcommittee:** TBD positions

We will discuss these roles at our September 26th meeting, and hold elections at our October meeting (date TBD). Please join us on September 27th, or email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com, to learn more.

Please note that you do not need to have any SAC experience to run for an elected role. And you do not need to take an elected role to participate in SAC! If you are curious about getting involved, just show up! The more, the merrier..

Mark your calendars for October 12th: Welcome Back Open House

SAC will be front and centre at the Dovercourt Welcome Back Open House on October 12th, serving up pizza and samosas, among other things. If you want to volunteer to serve food, set up, or clean up, please email us at dovercourtcouncil@gmail.com.

Save your stuff: Winter gear and Hallowe'en costume swap



Have your kids outgrown their boots and mittens? Are old trick-or-treat uniforms clogging your closets? We're hosting a swap of Hallowe'en costumes and winter gear at the Welcome Back Open House on October 12th. Donate gently used costumes and gear to the boxes beside the school office before then, and get ready to stock up on the 12th!

Fresh from the Farm fundraiser

Want to buy some great local produce while supporting Dovercourt? We've enrolled Dovercourt in the **Fresh from the Farm** program, which provides students, teachers, staff, and parents/caregivers an opportunity to support local growers by buying Ontario vegetables and apples to raise funds.

Dovercourt PS will receive 40% of all purchases!

- **Vegetable bundle (\$22):** 3 lb (1.36 kg) carrots, 3 lb (1.36 kg) yellow onions, 5 lb (2.27 kg) potatoes, 3 lb (1.36 kg) sweet potatoes.
- **Apple bundle (\$24):** 8 lb (3.63 kg) Ambrosia apples

Here's how it works: By **October 12th**, place an order [using our order form](#), indicating how you will pay. In **November** or **early December**, our produce will arrive and be distributed from Dovercourt PS. (We will learn the exact date at least 10 days in advance, and will email you to let you know.) After that, enjoy your delicious food!



Dovercourt spirit wear is coming!

A new Dovercourt spirit wear store is coming, with an array of t-shirts, hoodies, hats, and more. All proceeds benefit activities and events at the school. Look for links and ordering info soon!



After-school enrichment: Registration is now open!



Following the success of our spring Brixology and Crayola World of Design enrichment programs, SAC is excited to bring two optional, paid after-school activities to Dovercourt this fall, for students in grades 1 through 6.

(Don't worry, kindie parents! We plan to offer an after-school program for kindergarten students in the winter.)

Here's what's available this autumn:

WILD WORLD

by Imagine Arts Academy

Participating students will explore different species each week through a variety of art-making techniques.

- **For:** Students grades 1 through 6
- **Dates:** Tuesdays from October 17th to December 5th (8 weeks)
- **Time:** 3:25 pm - 4:25 pm
- **Location:** Dovercourt PS
- **Fee:** \$158 + HST per student

SCIENCE SURPRISE

by Mad Science

Participating students will explore different weekly STEM topics, from rocks, to weather, to machines.

- **For:** Students grades 1 through 6
- **Dates:** Wednesdays from October 18th to December 6th (8 weeks)
- **Time:** 3:25 pm - 4:25 pm
- **Location:** Dovercourt PS
- **Fee:** \$158+ HST per student

Space is limited, and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, and to register, [click here](#), or scan this QR code.



THANK YOU, ALEJANDRA AND ELAINE!

As we kick off a new school year, we want to share a bit of well-earned appreciation for everyone who helped out with SAC last year. In particular, we need to thank outgoing SAC Co-Chairs **Alejandra González Jiménez** and **Elaine Hua**, for their incredible work leading SAC in 2022/2023. Thank you!

