

J.P. Taravella High School
School Advisory Council Meeting - Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026

Media Center 4:30 pm

- I. **Welcome** – Greeting was given and the meeting called to order at 4:25 pm by Principal DeArmas. She stated that she was going to make a PowerPoint presentation on the projections for the budget for SY 2026/2027
- II. **Approval of April Minutes** A motion for the approval of the April minutes was made by Ms Pope and seconded by Ms Rosario.
- III. **Attendance:** A quorum was established.
- IV. **School Reports**
 - i **SRO Report – Officer Murray/Officer Hatem Officer** In the absence of the Officers, Mrs DeArmas reminded the meeting about the E-Bike Safety campaign to educate students how to safely ride electronic bikes/mopeds to reduce the number of reckless accidents occurring.
 - ii **Principal – Mrs. Mary DeArmas**
 1. **Monthly SESIR Incident Report:** Mrs. DeArmas indicated that the report is available online.
 2. **Accolades** – Trojans Times is on the school's website and circulated to the JPT Family as well.
 - iii **Students Reports**
 - a. **Class of 2029 – Freshmen** – A successful fundraising year. Pop Tarts sale held last month was a success.
 - b. **Class of 2028 – Sophomore** – The Rice Krispie sale went well. A lot of money was made during the SY and they will take the money with them into their junior year.
 - c. **Class of 2027 – Juniors** - Senior step-up day was a tremendous success. The students were ready for the senior year, and their fundraising efforts had gone well. Grad bash has been organized for Universal Orlando. Ms Collins will continue to be the Sponsor in the Senior year.
 - d. **Seniors Representative was absent.** Prom will be held on Saturday May 23, Senior Sunset on May 22, caps and gowns distributed on May 29 and Graduation on June 2nd at Nova at 7pm.
 - e. **SGA** – There was a passing of the baton with the recently held elections. Preparations have started for Freshmen Boot Camp.

V. **New Business:**

- a. **2026-2027 Budget overview** – A PowerPoint was shared with projections for the budget for the next school year. This PowerPoint will be shared with parents and placed on the website. A decrease in the budget is expected based on fall in student attendance. Based on the projected shortfall and a reduction in the number of teachers and support staff, a discussion ensued as to how money could be found to fund extra periods to offset the heavy workload. Concerns were expressed by parents that the Fine arts program might be cut but the Principal reassured them that she is doing her best to have the resources in place to maintain the program. Ms Luscomb encouraged parents to let their voices be heard and go to the School Board's website and email all school board members about the challenges that are anticipated and other concerns. Monies generated by programs such as Cambridge and AP classes were viewed as a possible source of funds that could be used but these were garnered by the district. The meeting agreed that efforts should be made to get back this money. Ms Luscomb drafted and put forward the following motion that she would take to the school board meeting. 'JPT recommend that the district allow school principals to make instructional staffing allocations based on the funds generated by their individual schools through Cambridge and CTE program'. This motion was seconded by Ms Desiree Ramirez. The motion carried.
- b. **Create SAC/SAF Slate for 2026-2027** This will be done at the first SAC meeting of the school year
- c. **Close Out.** All matters brought to the committee were addressed and closed.

- VI. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned on a motion moved by Mrs. Rodman and seconded by Ms. Pope at 5:54pm.

The next SAC meeting will be on a date to be determined.