

J.P. Taravella High School
School Advisory Council Meeting for Monday, August 31st, 2026
Media Center, 4:30 pm

- I. **Welcome: Meeting called to order at 4:41pm by Ms. Renee Hudson (SAC Chair)**
- II. **Reports**
 - I. SRO Report - Officer Hatem: Welcome back! E-bikes safety is still a concern – there have been 90 accidents with the misuse, not all fatalities, but there are injuries that are happening. Citations are being written for those that are not abiding by the law. If the e-bikes have pedals, they are allowed at school; if they do not have pedals, they are considered motorcycles are not allowed to be at school and must be registered by a licensed driver. Officer Anderson will be taking over for Officer Murray who has retired. Officer Anderson will be taking over the SAC meetings for the 26/27 school year. This week, we are focusing on the social media platform to keep educating parents. The teen safe driving program is being offered to our seniors. If they are driving to school with their personal vehicle, they are able to turn in a sheet in with their driver's license and have not been involved in any accidents, they are able to submit this to Officer Hatem and Officer Anderson to receive a safe driving cord no later than March 2027. Mrs. Luscombe asked if this would be provided to parents, Officer Hatem said that this is a CSPD initiative, but Mrs. De Armas does provide information through a Parent Link. The sheets are available in the front officer for the students.
 - II. Principal- Mrs. Mary De Armas -
 - I. Monthly SESIR Incident Report
(<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/38107>)
 - II. Accolades
- III. **Student Reports**
 - I. Class of 2027 – 1 min: Last first day was a success. Two winners were given a gift card for their participation. Senior officer meeting will be held on Tuesday 9/1/26 afterschool to discuss upcoming fundraisers. Senior meeting will be held on Thursday at 12pm to provide insight regarding their senior year activities and expectations. Senior dues will be advertised within the coming week, and payments will begin being accepted starting Monday September 14, 2026.
 - II. Class of 2028 - 1 min
 - III. Class of 2029 – 1 min
 - IV. Class of 2030- 1 min
 - V. Student Government Rep. – SGA- 1 minute: Starting to plan homecoming; venue has been located and they are fundraising with chocolates. Planning their homecoming pep rally.
- IV. **Old Business**

- I. Review Minutes of 5/25/26 Meeting: Mrs. Luscombe is asking for amendment to Principal SESIR information needs to be edited in the minutes as it must be presented.

V. **Accountability Funds**

- I. **Account Balance:** No current accountability funding at this time.
- II. **Question was asked regarding** CTE funds: the CTE department will be paying the teacher's bonuses and the testing and then remainder of the balance will be returned to school.
Cambridge money. JPT is still required to pay the teacher's bonuses, extra periods for Cambridge teachers and teacher training, portion of funds to pay for all of this and some spending will be provided to JPT by District Cambridge (the District keeps a certain percentage).

VI. **New Business**

- I. SAC Presentation: School advisory council is a group of community members that come together to work collaboratively to discuss data and make decisions for the students. We give stakeholders a voice within the school setting. School improvement helps develop and monitor the SIP plan throughout the school year. This is all an effort to ensure our students' success. The council writes and approves the SIP. Track achievement, attendance, climate and safety data across the school. Driven by the bylaws, monthly meetings to discuss, agenda and minutes for community to be aware of what is happening within the school. Developing quorum to vote. 51% of the members cannot be schoolboard employees. Principal brings school data, support staff to voice their opinions for improvements within their areas such as teachers who need assistance within the classroom. Teachers, students, parents/guardians and community partners. Current slate has been presented. Vacancies for SAF Chair and 3 student representatives. Request for recruitment for SAC recruitment team: Mr. Crossman, Mrs. Luscombe. Suggestion to only have 2 people to team up for the SAC recruitment/membership team. Draft an email for a nomination and vote to send out the community stakeholders. Mrs. Pope requests a flyer for SAC so it may be shared through social media and at lunch for the student body. Mrs. Rosario asked if school staff are required to attend SAC meetings, she was informed that it is not a requirement. Mrs. Luscombe suggests that we could empower the student body to expand through fundraising and become more involved in the school improvement plan: academics, successes, school beautification. Mrs. Pope asked for a list of signs for the school that are needed and they will purchase them for beautification. Improvements to the drama dressing rooms have continued to make progress. Drama is working on providing pictures and are being framed. They would like chorus and band to provide their pictures, and they can be framed and hung up as well. Mrs. Luscombe is asking for the SIP: deadline is September 8, 2026, for all components to be input; they will be completed and available by the next SAC meeting. Mrs. Pope is requesting another beautification project with student involvement. Mrs. Rosario is asking how to promote the e-bikes and bicycles locked inside the bike

rack instead of on the outside of the bike rack. Mrs. Pope states that she is worried about the lack of the sidewalk on the interior of JPT's campus on the east entrance, closest to the bike rack.

II. SAC Nomination and vote of 26-27 members

III. YMCA presentation

VII. **School Business**

I. Data Presentation: How a school is graded: There are 1000 total points; ELA 300 points come from proficiency (PM3 counts towards school grade), learning gains and lowest 25% of learning gains. Same as mathematics which is 300 points (Algebra 1 and Geometry). 100 points from Biology – if the student earns this at middle school, it does not count for JP Taravella. Social Studies is through US History (11th grade class). Acceleration in high school is a combined 100 points for AP course, CTE, Cambridge and graduation rate. Growth has been over the last few years; this will be provided as a visual in the September 2026 SAC meeting. Total points all together was 708 and rounded to 71%. We fell under the A because 65% and greater was for 25/26. To earn the A for the 26/27 school year, it has been moved to 70%. JP Taravella is only compared to traditional high schools, and we are number 5 within Broward County School District.

VIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm. Ms. Hudson made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Pope second the motion.

IX. **Next SAC meeting: September 28, 2026, at 4:30pm**