

**Embassy Creek Elementary School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

Location: Media Center at 2:30 pm

April 7, 2026 | Meeting called to order by Michele Lozano

In Attendance:

Members: *Michele Lozano-SAC Chair, John Fossas-Principal, Keri Jorcin-SAC Secretary/Teacher, Jill Colon-BTU Steward, Amanda Richards-Non-Instructional Support Employee, Rebecca Hawronsky-ESE Parent, Marisa Liona-Community Business Partner, Judy Mora-lzone Parent, Marisa Silver-Parent, Mediha Undes-ESOL Parent*

Guests: Jodi Hoover, Stephanie Harmell, Harolis Almonte-Castro, Natalie Bentolila-Buck

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 2:34 PM by Michele Lozano.

Approval of March Minutes: Approved by Rebecca Hawronsky; seconded by Keri Jorcin.

School Improvement Plan:

- The testing window for PM3 is now open. 4th and 5th grade students have already completed the writing assessment. Testing will take place from now through the middle of May.
- Ecognia Survey windows are also open. Faculty and staff have completed their surveys. Students in grades 3-5 have been taking their surveys in class. Parents in grades 3-5 have been sent the QR code as well.

Updates from Mr. Fossas:

- 4th and 5th grade students will be participating in Single Gender Reproductive Health lessons mandated by the state following the completion of state testing in May. The curriculum will be made available to parents ahead of time for them to review. An opt out form will be available.
- Embassy Creek will be hosting City of Cooper City Summer Camp this year. Pioneer Middle School also hosts, and the program is expanding. Camp is 7 weeks long and will run from Mon, June 8th through the third week of July. This is in place due to the Reciprocal Use Agreement between the city and schools.
- Embassy Creek will be adding an Autism Spectrum Disorder Cluster program starting next school year. We are looking to add 3 classes with around 7-10 students in each class. Cooper City Elementary currently holds this program, and about 43% of the students

involved are zoned within the Embassy Creek boundaries. Logistics are still being discussed, and more information will continue to become available in the coming months.

SAC Accountability Funds:

Mr. Fossas stated that more purchases have been made since our March meeting. As of March 3, 2026, there was \$4,896.40 left in available funds to purchase the following items:

- 3/12/2026 - DBQ 1yr subscription July 2026-July 2027 (Renewal) \$800.00
- 4/7/2026 - Curriculum Associates - Phonics for Reading -1 yr (C. Kim) \$247.52
- 4/7/2026 - EPS Learning - Teacher manuals and student kits/books (S. Harmell) \$2,194.76
- 4/7/2026 - Wilson Language Training - Just Words Consumable - 1 pk (M. Wilson) \$400.68
- 4/7/2026 - Riverside Insights - DAR 2nd ED Stud BK Form B - (L. Leighton) \$129.00

At the time of our April 7th meeting, the current funds are now at \$1,124.44.

Ms. Harmell explained that EPS (The Spire Program) is a multisensory phonics program that will be used to replace Foundations for students who need a different program type to make gains.

School Environmental Safety Incident Report: Embassy Creek had zero incidents for the month of March. SESIR was created to ensure safety of children in the school environment. The system collects data on incidents of disruptive behaviors or violence that occur on school campus, bus, school events, etc.

Questions/Concerns:

- Judy Mora asked about the possibility of AI being used to score the 4th and 5th grade writing assessments. Mr. Fossas will be looking into getting an update.
- Marisa Liona shared that Sunshine Aftercare received Gold Standard ratings from the Sun Sentinel for their programs. She spoke about the possibility of Sunshine providing summer camp at Embassy Creek the following year if interest is high enough.

SAC adjourned at 3:04 PM.

Next SAC meeting: Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 at 2:30 pm in the Media Center