

Embassy Creek Elementary School

School Advisory Council Minutes

October 7, 2025 | Meeting called to order by Michele Lozano

In Attendance:

Members: John Fossas-Principal, Michele Lozano-SAC Chair, Keri Jorcin-SAC Secretary/Teacher, Amanda Richards-Non Instructional Support Employee/Parent, Rebecca Hawronsky-ESE Parent, Marisa Liona-Community Business Partner, Judy Mora-Izone/Parent, Varinia Sanchez-Parent, Marisa Silver-Parent, Mediha Undes-ESOL Parent, Nhu Beteta-Gifted Parent, Melissa Blum-Parent, Jenny Weinrub-SAF Chair

Guests: Jodi Hoover-Assistant Principal, Michele Dolin-Assistant Principal, Harolis Almonte Castro-Teacher/Parent, Elissa Elias-Media Specialist

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 2:29 PM by Michele Lozano. Shared the purpose of SAC for new members. Introduction of new SAF Chair – Jennifer Weinrub.

Approval of September Minutes: Approved by Rebecca Hawronsky, seconded by Harolis Almonte-Castro.

Guest Speaker Elissa Elias, ECE Media Specialist: Ms. Elias spoke about the Collection Data Plan for the Media Center. A collection report is printed multiple times per year as new books are purchased, and old books are weeded out. The district would like the inventory of books over 15 years old to be under 50%; the current inventory of our library is 34%. Ms. Elias states that she tries to balance book topics to be equal and relevant. The procedure and paperwork required to review books is available at request. There are opt-out forms available for families interested but it limits students to check out everything or nothing at all – it is not for specific book or topics. There is a budget of \$9.60 per student in elementary school - our library has \$13,700 available for this year. \$7,500 is allotted for general books; we also have a subscription for monthly books and money allocated for new room items and furniture.

Classroom Changes: Recent changes have been made to several grades. Ms. Harmell has taken the position of Literacy Coach, and a new second-grade teacher has been hired to fill her vacancy. Kindergarten and fourth grade both received another classroom teacher. The hiring of another third-grade teacher is in process.

Quarter 1 Assessments: Mr. Fossas shared data related to the recent PM1 assessments - Early Literacy for K-1 plus two 2nd grade students, STAR for 2, FAST for 3-5. Scores are consistent with past school years and are trending upward. iReady Reading and Math Diagnostics were taken K-5 and data remains consistent as well. FAST PM1 Reading scores show growth in 4th and 5th grade scores from last year's beginning of year scores. FAST PM1 Math scores also show show good increase overall from last year. 4th and 5th grade

FAST Writing scores did not count last year and will still not count for 2025-2026. Writing is scored on a scale of 1-12. The state average for 4th grade writing is 6.1, and Embassy Creek has an average score of

6.7 from 2025. The state average for 5th grade writing is 6.1, and Embassy Creek's 5th grade scores average 6.9 from 2025. Teachers will be using DBQ style to build writing skills.

Budget: Amount has not been released by the district.

School Environmental Safety Incident Report: Mrs. Hoover shared that Embassy Creek had one incident for month of September. 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.

SAC Meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.

Next SAC meeting: Tuesday, November 4, 2025.