

Embassy Creek Elementary School
School Advisory Council Joint Meeting Minutes

Media Center

October 6, 2026 at 2:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 2:32 pm by SAC Chair Michele Lozano.

SAC Composition: Introduction of members; welcome to new faces attending for the first time.

In Attendance:

Members: **Michele Lozano**-SAC Chair/Teacher, **Keri Jorcin**-SAC Secretary/Teacher, **John Fossas**-Principal, **Stephanie Harmell**-Literacy Coach, **Amanda Richards**-Non-Instructional Support Employee/Parent, **Marisa Liona**-SAF Chair, **Jeremy Scott**-Community Business Partner, **Judy Mora**-Izone/Parent, **Moshe Goldzweig**-Gifted Parent, **Marisa Silver**-Parent, **Mediha Undes**-ESOL Parent, **Nhu Beteta**-Gifted Parent, **Harolis Almonte Castro**-Teacher/Parent, **Mary Lombard**-Parent, **Brooke Anderson**-Parent, **Kris Andreson**-Community School Representative, **Melissa Blum**-Parent, **Helena Chackman**-Parent

Guests: **Jodi Hoover**-Assistant Principal, **Michelle Dolin**-Assistant Principal, **Natalie Bentolila-Buck**-Paraprofessional

Approval of September Draft Minutes: Reviewed by Michele Lozano, approved by Nhu Beteta and seconded by Mediha Undes.

2026-2027 School Improvement Plan Monitoring: Stephanie Harmell shared grade level results of the iReady Diagnostic and FAST PM1 scores.

Stakeholder Feedback: Marisa Liona and Jeremy S. shared that Sunshine Aftercare will be hosting a Trunk or Treat for aftercare students on Oct. 28; a Needs Assessment is pending from Sunshine; student enrollment count is currently at 220.

Accountability Funds Balance: \$0 – no additional funds have been added or spent.

School Environmental Safety Incident Report: Jodi Hoover shared that Embassy Creek had no incidents 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.

Old Business: The art teacher position has been filled by Jennifer Raderstorf; Helen Stephansson is returning from leave to fill the science special teacher position.

New Business: *Review of SAC and SAF Bylaws:* Purpose of SAC, officers, elections were held to vote in all SAC members, meetings, notes, amendments – voting in of Judy Mora as iZone parent, Marisa Liona as SAF Chair and Jeremy S. as Community Business Partner – votes all in favor.

Shared by Mr. Fossas: District Repurposing: Six schools were closed in Broward County last year. Enrollment continues to be down 12,000 more students throughout the district. Ten more schools are being considered on the closing list for next year. No Cooper City schools are currently on the list, but possible closings in neighboring cities could affect us.

Shared by Ms. Lozano: School Advisory Council District video on Performance Data (FAST results) and how it is used to determine the school grades.

Announcements: Boosterthon is our largest fundraiser of the year and it begins this month. Mary Lombard shared that the goal is to raise \$60,000 to be used toward additional technology, school safety measures and beautification of our school campus. Mrs. Fossas shared that our school will be hosting a 3rd Grade Curriculum Night on Oct. 21 – this meeting is open to third grade families from all three Cooper City elementary schools.

Questions/Concerns: FTE Week is currently happening; all of our registered students have been reported in attendance for at least one day during the window. Michele Lozano and Angella Joseph were announced as our Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th, 2026 at 2:30 pm in the Media Center

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.
