

Embassy Creek Elementary School

School Advisory Council Minutes

Location: Media Center

November 4, 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, Marisa Silver-Parent, Nhu Beteta-Gifted Parent, Jenny Weinrub-SAF Chair, Moshe Goldzweig-Parent

Guests: Jodi Hoover-Assistant Principal, Stephanie Harmell-Literacy Coach, Natalie Buck-Paraprofessional/Parent, Jill Colon-Teacher

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM by Michele Lozano.

Approval of October Minutes: Approved by Judy Mora, seconded by Rebecca Hawronsky.

BTU Representative Jill Colon: Keeping early release days on the calendar for this school year received a 90% yes vote from staff. The current calendar remains the same.

School Improvement Plan: Conferences have been occurring consistently, interims have gone home, Progress Monitoring Plans (PMPs) have been reviewed, and data is being tracked constantly. The middle of year testing will occur in December. FAST PM2 results will be shared at the next meeting.

Budget: Amount still has not been released by the district.

Fundraising Update: Rebecca Hawronsky shared that we exceeded our goal of \$65,000 and raised \$69,000 total. Money will be used to wrap the second story classroom windows that face the carline, the upstairs and downstairs windows that face lakeside and the administration and office windows facing the front of the school. Ideas are already being formulated for next year's fundraising efforts.

School Environmental Safety Incident Report: Mr. Fossas shared that Embassy Creek had zero incidents for the month of October. 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.

Principal Update: Mr. Fossas shared that we had 100+ students sign up for dental health screenings. The initial screenings will take place on Nov. 14, and exams will be done on Nov. 17-18 in Room 211. It is also National School Psychologist Week, and he recognized Robin Taylor for all her efforts at our school. The district is collecting Hurricane Relief Supplies for Jamaica – items can be dropped off at two locations in the county. More school choice seats will be available for the current school year; the number of seats and grade levels open will be decided on soon.

Guest Questions: Natalie Bentollilia-Buck is requesting consideration for additional signage on the East and West gates of the school for walkers and bike riders. She also asked for clarification on the cell phone policy for after school clubs.

SAC Meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.

SAF Minutes: Shared by Jennifer Weinrub at 2:48 p.m.

Xello: The app is available in Focus for students, parents and teachers. The focus of Xello is on mental health and provides tips and suggestions to better improve mental health.

Redefining Schools: There was much discussion about charter schools coming into the spaces of redefined schools. This does not apply to our area schools.

Cell Phone Usage: The policy for high school students has been adjusted to allow cell phone usage during lunch periods. The K-8 policy remains the same.

Beautification of Schools: Schools are being asked to keep the outside fences cohesive with banner sizes and colors.

Artificial Intelligence: Microsoft CoPilot is being rolled out for students.

SAF Meeting adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Next SAC meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in the Media Center .