



Jamerson Elementary
Student Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Date: September 22, 2026
Time: 6:01 PM – 7:05 PM
Location: Jamerson Elementary Media Center

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with a welcome and introductions of SAC members and attendees.

2. SAC Purpose and Jamerson Expectations

The purpose and role of the School Advisory Council (SAC) were reviewed. SAC focuses on the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and supports school improvement efforts in accordance with Florida Statute 1001.452 and Pinellas County Schools Policy 2125.

SAC serves as an advisory body to the principal and promotes shared decision-making, collaboration, and communication among school stakeholders.

SAC membership includes representatives from the following groups:

- Principal
- Parents
- Teachers
- Education Support Employees
- Business and community members

A majority of SAC members may not be employed by the District. Membership should also reflect the ethnic, racial, and economic diversity of the Jamerson community, as required by the Pinellas County School board

3. SAC Board Introductions

The 2026–2027 SAC Board was introduced:

- **Chair:** Dave Himmelfarb
- **Vice Chair:** Akshata Hopkins
- **Secretary:** Joann Burnett
- **Parliamentarian:** Lilly Kovacevic

4. SAC Voting Members

Voting procedures and membership requirements were reviewed.

- SAC meetings are open to the public, but only official SAC members have voting authority.
- A quorum must be present for SAC to conduct a vote.
- Voting members represent the broader school community.
- A majority of SAC members may not be employed by the school district.

5. SAC Participation

Members and attendees were invited to participate in the SAC snack sign-up for upcoming meetings.

6. SAC Overview and School Improvement Plan

The group reviewed the role of the School Improvement Plan and Jamerson's priorities for the 2026–2027 school year. All schools are required to establish SIP goals to guide school improvement efforts.

- **Enrollment and District Trends**

District enrollment has declined by approximately 20,000 students over time, affecting schools throughout Pinellas County. Magnet schools have also experienced enrollment changes and increased numbers of available seats.

Jamerson experienced its highest enrollment during the 2017–2019 period. While enrollment has changed since that time, Jamerson has maintained a smaller enrollment-to-available-seat gap than the district overall. Current enrollment is trending upward.

The school continues to pay particular attention to fifth-grade enrollment and retention, with a focus on encouraging current students and families to remain at Jamerson.

- **School Performance**

Jamerson continues to make progress toward achieving an "A" school grade and is currently approximately one percentage point away. The benchmark required for an "A" has also increased, from 62% previously to 65%.

7. Gears for Success

The school's Gears for Success framework was introduced as a way to organize the major areas of focus within the School Improvement Plan.

- **Benchmark-Aligned Core Instruction – *How We Teach***

Jamerson's instructional framework focuses on ensuring core instruction is aligned with academic benchmarks.

- **Real-Time Monitoring and Tracking for Responsive, Differentiated Instruction – *How We Respond When Students Learn Differently***

Student progress is monitored so teachers can adjust instruction and provide differentiated support based on student needs.

- **Positive Learning Environment – *How We Create Conditions for Learning***

Jamerson focuses on creating an environment that supports student learning and positive behavior. The school uses progressive discipline and Conscious Discipline practices as part of this work.

- **STEM Goal: Jamerson Design Process – *How We Bring Our Magnet Identity to Life Through Authentic STEM Experiences***
Jamerson's STEM goal focuses on incorporating the Jamerson Design Process and authentic STEM experiences throughout the magnet program.

8. SAC Group Activity: Defining Success

SAC members participated in a group activity focused on the School Improvement Plan goals. For each goal, members discussed the question: What would you hope to see or hear from students, teachers, or families if Jamerson is doing well in this area?

The activity provided an opportunity for SAC members to discuss what successful implementation of each SIP goal would look like in practice and to contribute stakeholder perspectives to the school improvement process.

9. Review of 2026–2027 Academic Goals

The group reviewed Jamerson's academic goals for the 2026–2027 school year and how those goals connect to the School Improvement Plan and Gears for Success framework.

10. SAC Meeting Schedule

The SAC meeting schedule for the 2026–2027 is as follows:

- Monday, October 19
- Monday, November 16
- Tuesday, January 19
- Tuesday, February 16
- Monday, March 22
- Monday, April 19
- Monday, May 17

11. Questions and Answers

Time was provided for questions and discussion from SAC members and attendees.