

Jupiter Farms Community Elementary School
SAC Meeting - October 7, 2026

- 1. Meeting called to order/Determination of Quorum:** Meeting was called to order at 3:09pm by Ms. Lucia. A Quorum was present.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Present:

Suzanne Matuella
Katie Rowe
Cindy Lucia
Gabrielle Balatovis-Mcnally
Courtney Prieto
BJ. DiMartini
Gyasi Francisco
Joseph Morel
Kelsie White
Mrs. B

Agenda:

1. Adoption of Agenda and Previous minutes with Flexibility:

Ms. Matuella motioned to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Mrs. Balatovis-McNally seconded. The previous agenda was then reviewed. Mrs. Balatovis-McNally motioned to adopt previous meeting's minutes. Mr. DiMartini seconded.

2. New Business:

A. School Enhancement Funds:

Ms. Matuella shared about the referendum that allotted each district elementary schools \$150,000 for capital projects. As such, Ms. Matuella proposed how best to use the funds received by Jupiter Farms Elementary. She discussed a real need for shades over the courtyard as a first priority (estimated cost of \$80,000). Other needs included turf, murals, office furniture, etc. Research and gathering quotes is still in progress.

B. Book Fair:

Ms. Matuella gave updates about how all books are reviewed and vetted. Book fair will be the following week. Mrs. Balatovis-McNally also discussed going cashless (use of e-wallets).

3. Principal Report:

A. Predicted School grade based on PM1

Ms. Matuella discussed testing scores according to a chart. She explained how and why different tests dropped in scores (from summer slump to changes in tests; also a big jump in expectations from 2nd to 3rd. Mrs. Prieto also discussed going from simple sentences to full paragraphs. Ms. Matuella shared that there were some improvements though at FY 27 PM1, and continued improvements are expected.

B. Safety upgrade update:

Ms. Matuella shared the new gate update, and the design graphic. She also maintained that bulletproof glass is still set to be installed, although it has yet to be designed.

4. Budget:

The current budget stands at \$5,381.57

5. Public Comments:

Mrs. Rowe asked for updates on Panther Prowl. Ms. White shared that for this year, there will be a “chance raffle” rather than an auction (and the reasons behind the change in terminology). She also said that tickets are soon to go on sale. Mrs. Balatovis-McNally then brought up a safety concern regarding bathrooms (children and adults using the same bathrooms). As such, a brief discussion ensued regarding how to create a separate space for adult bathroom use, while also keeping in mind parents of toddlers who need to be in the same bathroom as their children. Ms. Matuella and Mrs. Prieto then determined to take the concerns into consideration and brainstorm options prior to the event. Mrs. Rowe then asked Ms. Matuella for any suggestions on how the parent members of SAC could potentially better support her, admin and staff. Ms. Matuella requested greater public support in the community (on social media and in daily conversations), speaking positively about the school in efforts to mitigate naysayers and generally negative assumptions about public education. She also shared the benefits of encouraging parents to support teachers through positive emails (rather than only reaching out when presenting a complaint), or even participating in thoughtful acts of service and kindness toward teachers and staff. She explained how helpful and encouraging those things are to teachers who work so hard to help children and families. Ms. B also shared the benefits of parents coming alongside teachers and supporting them by helping kids with homework at home, and engaging them in social skills lessons as well (for example, how to be kind to others, and how to follow directions, etc). Ultimately, any efforts for SAC parents to encourage other school parents to support the school and the teachers was greatly encouraged and appreciated.

Next SAC Meeting: November 4th, 2026

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Matuella; Mr. DiMartini seconded it.