Palmetto Elementary School Governance Council

October 18, 2023

**Attendance**: S. Richardson, S. Lorick, S. Leonta, K. Truitt, G. Foster, R. Howard, V. Cherry, and Principal Bowens

**Call to Order** 8:05 AM

**Action Items**

* Motion to approve the agenda was made by V. Cherry. The second was made by S. Richardson.
* The September meeting minutes were read by R. Howard. A motion was made by K. Truitt to approve the minutes. The second was made by S. Lorick.

**Discussion Items**

* The SY23-24 council initiatives will focus on supporting classroom instruction to increase Reading and Mathematics GMAS scores by 10%.
* Charter dollars are being used to provide teachers with needed classroom supplies. Each teacher has been allotted $600 for the first semester, and each itinerant teacher has been $300 for first semester.
* Principal Bowens would like to purchase portable projectors.
* Other suggestions for the use of SGC funds. Those included, adult-sized chairs for the new tables, Post-It chart tablets, bulletin board paper, and data boards.
* The State Department of Education has a suggested list of resources for each grade level. SGC funds can be used to purchase items that align with the new mathematics standards.
* We need two people to attend the governance and flexibility meeting. Principal Bowens will share the date when it is given.

**Informational Items**

* The Sneaker Ball will be held Friday, October 22, 2023.
* The school received $200 from Legacy that can be used for teachers.
* We are waiting for FCS to approve Picture Day. We are not using Life Touch. A member suggested Teddy Bear Portraits.
* Palmetto still has a part-time EIP position available.
* A staff outing is being planned for December. The organizers would like to have it at the train depot in Palmetto. The mayor’s assistant is working to provide a discounted rate.
* November is Family Engagement Month. Parents will visit their child’s classroom.
* Two Family Matters events will be held at Paces Ferry Elementary and Feldwood Elementary (October 29, 2023).
* Mrs. McGuire has agreed to serve as the PTA Treasurer. One of the dad’s has expressed interest in being president or vice president.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:72 AM