Renaissance Meeting Minutes (February 24)

Renaissance Elementary Governance Council

- **Meeting called to order**: 3:01 pm Dennis (Chair)

Meeting approved: Mrs. Gibbs-Jones (Teacher Representative)

- **Action Items:** Approval of Agenda (February): Dennis (Chair)

Agenda Approved: Ms. Weaver (School employee)

- **Action Items:** Approve January's Meeting Minutes: Dennis (Chair)

Approval: Mrs. Gibbs-Jones (Teacher Representative)

- **Discussion Item:** Planning for Parent/Teacher SGC Elections
    - Discuss the election and the available vacancies for the 25-26 school year.
    - Discuss the deadline for candidates (Friday, February 28, 2025)
    - Mrs. Gina Foster (School Governance Analyst) elaborated on the election process as members had additional questions about candidacy and terms. In addition, Mrs. Foster explained that it was vital that we vote on a teacher and parent representative and other seats will be nominated by members at the beginning of the upcoming school year.

- **Discussion Item:** Website Update
    - The chair assured members that Mrs. Arnold and chair had contacted Mrs. Johnson (Media Specialist) about making sure the SGC website had current information (agendas, meeting minutes, meeting dates, and meeting links) and complied for website audits.
    - Mrs. Foster discussed website audits briefly and stated website audits hadn't been completed as February 25, 2025.
    - Dr. Sims wanted to have name changed on SGC website, from Wilson to Sims

- **Discussion Item:** Community Night and Proposals for additional SGC funds
    - The Chair informed members that there was roughly $12,000 in SGC funds and funds must be depleted by the end of the calendar school year.
    - Dr. Sims discussed retrieving a letterhead from Mrs. Arnold to establish partnership with community partners, thus moving forward with organizing partners who are willing to sponsor a community night or nights.
    - There were several suggestions about additional SGC funds
        1. Dr. Sims asked if there was a need in-house where funds can be used, in addition she also suggested an upgrade in school technology.
            - Playground Covering
            - Marquee (upgrade)
        2. Mr. Dennis suggested incentives for I-Ready to increase student engagement and participation.
        3. Mrs. Gibbs-Jones suggested purchasing RES blazers or cardigans, so students are unified when participating in off-site competitions. (example: reading bowl)

- **Informational Item:** Principal Update
    - (Chair) informed members that Mrs. Arnold, who was unable to attend, is currently working on the school's budget for the 25-26 school year, which had been extended to the elementary level.
    - In addition, the chair informed members of the upcoming budget meeting with the budget committee.

- **<u>Discussion Item</u>:** Draft Next Meeting's Agenda
    - Members will like a follow up on charter dollar proposals
    - Mrs. Foster discussed that charter dollars need to be depleted by the end of the school year. In addition, Mrs. Foster also informed members that RES needed 3 members to participate in the "Governance and Flexibility Team: Spring 2025 Strategic Plan Retreat."

- **<u>Action Item:</u>** Meeting Adjourned
    - Adjourned at 3:40 (Gibbs-Jones)
    - 2nd Motion: Dr. Sims