

Palmetto Elementary School  
SGC Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2026

**Palmetto Elementary School Governance Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.  
Location: Media Center**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by K. Brown.

Attendance

Members present included: Bowens, Howard, Cook-King, Knox, Richardson, Bridges, K. Brown, Brannon, Leonta, and Walker.

Action Item

- Approval of Agenda  
A motion to approve the agenda was made by Knox and seconded by Richardson. The motion passed.
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
A motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Bowens and seconded by Knox. The motion passed.

Discussion Item

- Cross Council Meeting Update  
The district's Spring Cross Council Meeting will be held on March 19, 2026 at Georgia State University. K. Brown and C. Brannon will attend as the PES representatives.
- SGC Elections Update  
Parents Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Walker will run again in the upcoming SGC elections. This is K. Brown's final year, and the Teacher of the Year will fill the upcoming vacancy on the council.

Action Item

- FY27 Budget Presentation and Approval  
Principal Mrs. Bowens presented the FY27 budget, supported by the official FY27 Budget Presentation.
  - Budget Highlights  
The Title I consolidated program continues to fund major instructional support.  
Third grade remains the most challenging grade level; a full-time paraprofessional was purchased to provide additional academic support. A 0.5 ESOL paraprofessional is funded through ESOL, with the principal purchasing the remaining half.  
The school has also purchased a math coach and a parent liaison, funded through school resources.

Most of the school's budget continues to be spent on salaries and benefits. Approximately \$76,000 remains and will be used primarily for copiers, ink, and teacher supplies.

The district allows schools to carry over up to 7 percent of their budgeted funds.

At-risk funds were used to purchase the remaining half of an additional instructional paraprofessional.

- **Budget Vote**

A motion to approve the FY27 budget was made by Mr. Knox and seconded by Mrs. Richardson. The FY27 budget was approved.

#### School Information Items

- **Earned Positions for 2026–2027**

PES is allocated one second-grade teacher and one fifth-grade teacher for the next school year.

- **Academic Note**

ELA scores will count toward closing performance gaps, but not toward the overall CCRPI score.

- **Field Day**

Field Day is scheduled for April 19, 2026.

#### Principal Updates

- Principal Bowens shared that staff responded well to the February 10 updates, and all responsibilities were carried out smoothly.

#### Council Comments

- Council member Mr. Knox noted that many counties experience similar challenges during the transition from second to third grade.

#### Setting the Next Agenda

- The council briefly discussed items to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.