

Palma Sola Elementary  
**School Advisory Council (SAC)**  
Thursday, October 27, 2022

Those in attendance included: Jennifer Grimes, Tabitha Hager, Samantha Dominis, David Colvin, Lindsay Coleman, Mariel McRae, Lesley Grimes, Abi van Ostenbridge, Mary Foreman, and Sally Tyson

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Jennie Grimes, the Palma Sola Principal. She welcomed everyone and asked those present to introduce themselves and review the minutes from the previous meeting. Abi van Ostenbridge made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Tabitha Hager and the minutes were approved as written.

**Jennie Grimes made sure everyone present had a copy of the SAC By-Laws.** She explained the requirement for every school to have a SAC and reviewed the SAC By-Laws. She further explained that the SAC is the business end of the school dealing with the academics, behaviors, the school climate, as well as the safety and security of the school. The SAC votes on the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which is then presented annually to the School Board for additional approval. The SIP revolves around student achievement. At this point, the Palma Sola SAC needs additional members. The former SAC Chairperson moved to another school in the District. Mrs. Grimes asked those present to let her know if they are interested in the position. Two parents in attendance expressed interest in the SAC Chairperson position.

**Jennie Grimes reviewed the scores from testing in prior years.** The scores at Palma Sola show improvement year after year. Most students score above state and local averages. The lowest quartile is struggling and there is a focus on learning gains for that segment of the student population. Working with the School Leadership Team, they are looking for ways to help the families with attendance and other warning signs that might impede success for those students. Mrs. Grimes went over the goals in the current SIP. The first goal is to demonstrate 75% proficiency in ELA. The second goal is to demonstrate 75% proficiency in Math, and the third goal is to make gains with students with disabilities, utilizing the accommodations stated in the IEP to help with strategies for more proficiency. Mrs. Grimes talked about the new benchmark assessments (FAST) that replace the FSA. FAST gives baseline data for the start of the year. The students are assessed quarterly. Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade take the FAST as well.

A motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 SIP by Samantha Dominis. The motion was seconded by Tabitha Hager and was approved unanimously.

**Jennie Grimes reported on Safety and Security at Palma Sola.** The Palma Sola campus is different from most. Tallahassee is deciding what will become of Palma Sola. The decision should have input from the staff and community. In the meantime, Palma Sola continues to practice all the drills. Teachers and staff talk to the students all the time about safety and what to do in the event of being outside in the courtyard with an intruder on campus, etc. A Manatee County Sheriff Officer is onsite for all the Intruder Drills making sure no one is visible. We are very grateful for our school guardian, Guardian Bob!

The meeting was turned over to the PTO at 6:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022.