

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting
DATE: March 13, 2022
TIME: 7:45 am
DeSana Media Center & Live Microsoft Teams
625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004
Keith Sargent, Principal

Attendees - Voting Members

James Armour
Juan Arezia
Charity Boulton
Carole Ekerberg
Shannon French
Katie Hilton
Dr. Torrence McKnight
Christina Westerfield
Vic Williams

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent
Jamie Baggett (Student Support Specialist)
Jeanne Ortiz (8th Grade Teacher)
Scott Williams (New Head Football Coach)
Stacy Dockter (Gifted Coordinator/Social Studies Teacher)

- I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order by
Vic Williams at 7:47 am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
Mr. Sargent welcomed the team members.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Katie Hilton. Second motion was made
by Dr. Torrence McKnight. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from January 13, 2022.
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Carole Ekerberg. Second motion was
made by Dr. Torrence McKnight. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - I. New Football Coach - Mr. Williams introduced himself as the new Head Football
Coach of DeSana Middle School and discussed his transition from Liberty Middle
School to DeSana Middle School as well as his vision for the football program.
 - II. Reading Enrichment 2022-2023 - Ms. Ortiz discussed the new Reading
Enrichment program for 6th and 7th grade students for the 2022-2023 school
year. The program will provide 6th and 7th grade students with a fifth academic
class where students will have reading instruction from a reading teacher as well

as the opportunity to choose books to read. Student progress will be tracked by dedicated reading teacher. 8th grade students will not have Reading Enrichment due to taking Spanish.

III. Advanced Studies Update - Ms. Dockter provided an update regarding the recommendation process for advanced classes as well as the number of advanced classes that students can take. For the 2022-2023 school year current teachers recommended students for either on-level classes or advanced classes based on several factors including motivation, performance, and skills. Parents have the option to waive their child into and out of advanced classes as they see fit. Ms. Dockter explained that the recommendation process was designed in hopes of identifying more students for advanced classes. In addition, the school has increased the number of advanced classes that students can take. For the 22-23 school year, 6th graders can take up to three advanced classes, 7th graders can take up to four advanced classes. 8th grade advanced classes remained the same with four classes.

IV. Bell Schedule for 2022-2023 - Ms. Baggett presented both teacher and student survey data explaining the choice to move from a modified block schedule to an eight-period day schedule. Both teachers and students were in support of eliminating the block schedule.

VI. Principal's Report

1. COVID mitigation measures are being lifted by the district and we are returning to full capacity in the lunchroom and welcoming parent volunteers and guests into our buildings.
2. Assistant Principal Sharon Epperson retired to take care of her family.
3. The FCS Job Fair was successful, and we are in the process of filling vacant positions for the 22-23 school year.
4. D3 plans are being finalized and the tradition that former Principal Terri North Started will continue.
5. An off-campus event occurred earlier in the morning near our campus and out of an abundance of caution, families will see an increased police presence. Students who have classes in the modulars will be moved inside the school building. In addition, a letter will be sent to all our parents.

VII. Adjournment

First motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 am was made by Vic Williams. Motion seconded by Katie Hilton.

Meeting minutes compiled by Keith Sargent, DMS Principal