DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting April 16, 2021 7:34 am DeSana Media Center 625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004 Terri North, Principal

Attendees - Voting Members

Michelle Feeney (Virtual)
Dr. Torrence McKnight
Vic Williams
Juan Arezia
Barry Herrin
Carole Ekerberg
Katie Hilton
Jeanne Ortiz
Leandrea Voskanian

Attendees - Other

Terri North Keith Sargent

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vic Williams at 7:34

II. Welcome

Vic Williams welcomed the members

III. Approval of the Agenda

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Katie Hilton. Second motion: Carole Ekerberg. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.

- IV. Approval of the Minutes from March 12, 2021 meeting
 - First motion to approve the minutes was made by Katie Hilton. Second motion: Carole Ekerberg. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. Educational Settings at DMS for the 2021/2022 School Year was presented by Keith Sargent. An email was sent to parents of rising 6, 7, and 8 grade students regarding educational setting selection for the fall. Currently 24% of parents have responded of which 97% of those selected face-to-face and 3% selected virtual. DMS added a box for parents to ask questions. The most common question was "how long does this last." The second most common question was about safety and what the school year will look like next year.
 - B. Progress on Plans for the 2021/2022 School Year was presented by Keith Sargent.
 - Personnel all 10 open DMS positions have been filled.
 - 2021/2022 School Year LSC Members Members need to be voted on by parents.
 - Those who just served their 2nd year are Michelle Feney (business), Leandrea Voskanian (parent), Katie Hilton (teacher)

- Those who just served their 1st Year are Torrence McKnight, Vic Williams (will be chairperson next year), Carole Ekerberg, Jeanne Ortiz
- Hispanic Parent Partnership Juan Arezia, TBD for 2021/2022
- o PTO Rep Barry Herrin, to be filled by new PTO rep next year
- C. DeSana's Annual Report to the FCS Board of Education
 At the Regular Board of Education meeting on June 15, Joey Pirkle will present the
 recommendations that each LSC suggests to the Board of Ed.
 - No DMS recommendations were given for presentation. The LSC board did have a list of areas to enhance the school within itself.
 - Have middle school sports games be played at high school (football and basketball were specifically mentioned)
 - Utilize the Junior Achievement Center Biztown for each grade level in middle school (Ms. North to ask which other counties use Biztown to see if it is a possibility based on facility demand)
 - Add virtual kids who return to face-to-face instruction on a check-in list to check in with them emotionally. Escalate those who are struggling to the Student Support Advocates.
- D. Club Presentation Gaming Club presented by Ryan Mendes
 - This club was started to provide a new avenue for students to stay connected.
 - This population of students is underserved. Some students feel like video games are the only thing they are good at.
 - The original interest was 80 kids. About 30 of those have joined (which is 10 teams of 3 students per team).
 - Rocket League is the current 3 vs 3 game.
 - In the future, Mr. Mendes hopes to expand the breadth of games offered based on student interest.
 - Currently everything is run virtual through the Discord app and is invite only.
 - Mr. Mendes wants to turn this into an in person event where students plan strategy sessions as well as virtual.
 - Students are learning about digital citizenship.

VII. Adjournment

First motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 am was made by Barry Herrin. Motion seconded by Katie.

Meeting minutes compiled by Leandrea Voskanian, DMS LSC Secretary