Forsyth County Schools DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting

Meeting Minutes 12/7/2018 7:32 AM

DeSana Front Conference Room

625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004

Terri North, Principal

**Attendees – Voting Members**

Vic Williams

Barry Herrin

Michael Smith

Bridget Bryson

Stacy Dockter

Laureen Krawiec

**Attendees – Other**

Terri North

Jennifer Hester-Hall

Lizette Nixon

Andrea Bell

Joey Robinson

Angela Petit

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vic Williams.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams welcomed the members and guests and asked each one to introduce himself or herself.

1. Approval of the Agenda

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Barry Herrin. Second motion: Chris Naffky.

1. Approval of Minutes

First motion to approve the minutes was made by Bridget Bryson. Second motion: Jennifer Hester-Hall.

1. New Business
   1. DeSana’s SEAD Imitative (Social, Emotional & Academic Development) – Andrea Bell, Joey Robinson and Angela Petit, members of the SEAD team, provided an update on SEAD and Panorama Education which is the program that is being used to measure lesson effectiveness. The program was purchased with grant money from Beaver Toyota. The next phase of the SEAD roll-out will be sharing with parents and offering parent & teacher toolboxes.
   2. DeSana’s Spanish Native Speakers Class – Lizette Nixon explained that the native speaker class was created out of a need to better serve the native speaking students at DeSana. This program is being piloted by DeSana, with potential plans for continuation at Denmark High School. In the Fall, 38 students were tested and students received 1-3 high school credits depending on their level of mastery.
   3. Hispanic Parent Partnership Council & Learning Academies – Ms. North, DeSana Principal, gave a review of how the Council was formed and feedback on the monthly meetings. The Council meets monthly to plan for the learning academies. The first meeting was well attended and focused on technology. The second meeting provided parents with an outline of “school life at DeSana”. The next meeting in January will be in conjunction with Denmark High and will focus on transition activities from 5th through 9th grades. Subsequent meetings will be in March and May. Counselors and several staff members help at the learning academies and babysitting is provided. Additionally, the DeSana PTO would like to have a parent involved with the council on the PTO board.
   4. DeSana Clubs Share:
      1. Art Club – Angela Petit hosts the club as a way for students to explore art outside of the classroom setting. She has 200 members; with 50-80 students attending per meeting. The students are currently creating pieces based on their heritage for the cultural arts night.
      2. Gardening Club – Danielle Kilgore and Jen Foster co-sponsor the group that started with researching zones, native species and seasonal planting. The goal for this year is to build a few raised beds and expand the learning. The group wants to grow organic plants and give back to the community.
      3. Science Olympiad – Soomy Sim and Katie Parow co-sponsor a team of 15 students that compete at 5 different mid-range level competitions in the South. The students are exposed to 5 areas of science; life, earth, chemistry, inquiry, and technology, in a STEM focused competitive model. The team is now ranked 8th and next year there are plans to expand to 2 teams (JV and Varsity).
2. Agenda for Next Meeting – Choosing a date for Talli Moellering’s parent information session about teen relationships and sexual activity.
3. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:53 AM by Bridget Bryson with a second motion from Barry Herrin.