Forsyth County Schools Meeting Minutes DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting 12/16/2019 7:34 AM DeSana Front Conference Room 625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004 Terri North, Principal

## **Attendees – Voting Members**

Chris Naffky Juan Areiza Michelle Feeney Leandrea Voskanian Robyn Guy Katie Hilton Laureen Krawiec Stacy Dockter

## <u>Attendees – Other</u>

Terri North David Feuerbach Jessica Strader Shawna Lyons

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Terri North.

- II.
   Welcome and Introductions

   Ms. North welcomed the members and asked members to introduce themselves.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
   First motion to approve the agenda was made by Stacy Dockter. Second motion: Leandrea
   Voskanian. All members approved the agenda.
- IV. Approval of MinutesFirst motion to approve the minutes was made by Robyn Guy. Second motion: Katie Hilton.All members voted in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
  - a. Presentation on Vaping– David Feuerbach, FCS Safety and Climate Coordinator, shared a power point outlining what vaping products look like, how the marketing has shifted to target a younger audience and the potentially damaging effects to the body. Mr. Feuerbach also shared statistics indicating that vaping is increasing nationally among high school and middle school students, as well as in Forsyth County. The Department of School Safety offers informational sessions to parents and students at the local schools. The goal of the presentations is to educate parents and students of the risks and dangers of vaping juices and synthetic substances. Additionally, the Department of School Safety is developing resources for students that struggle to stay at school because they are addicted to vaping.

b. Brief Club Presentations:

i. Jr. Beta Club – Mrs. Lyons is the sponsor of DeSana's Jr. Beta Club, which has been in existence for the past 3 years. The 38 members of 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders work on leadership skills through service projects. Members have participated in the Veteran's Day Breakfast, campus clean-ups, and Meals by Grace. The club is intended to support the students' transition to the Beta Club in the high school.

ii. HOSA – The Health Occupation Student Association is sponsored by Mrs. Strader. The club has 25 members with 8<sup>th</sup> grade officers that are interested in a career in the health care industry. The members have learned CPR and have organized the blood drive at DeSana.

iii. Just One Africa – The non-profit organization sponsored by Ms. Dockter was created in 2012. There are 50 students in the club, and they meet monthly. They string beads that are made into jewelry to sell to help families in Kenya.

iv. Debate Club – The club was started by three students and is sponsored by Ms. Dockter. The students organize the agenda and run the meetings. The group of 25 students are learning the format for debating and they hope to go to a competition in the future.

## VI. Principal's Report

a. DeSana held a school wide assembly to educate and warn students of the dangers and misconceptions about vaping. Sixth and seventh graders met in the gym with FCS Safety Chief Officer, Todd Shirley, and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders met in the café with FCS Safety and Climate Coordinator, David Feuerbach, for a more detailed discussion.

b. DeSana will be involved in an AdvancED Internal Review on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. A team of Forsyth County Schools' educators and both school-based and district-based leaders will evaluate DeSana's capacity according to 30 standards in three domains: learning capacity, leadership capacity and resource capacity. Interviews with students, teachers, administrators, support staff and parents, along with classroom observations, will be conducted during their visit and feedback will be shared with administration and staff.

## VII. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stacy Dockter. Second motion: Katie Hilton. All members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:43 AM.