Forsyth County Schools DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting

Meeting Minutes 2/10/2020 7:31 AM

DeSana Front Conference Room

625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004

Terri North, Principal

**Attendees – Voting Members**

Juan Areiza

Michelle Feeney

Leandrea Voskanian

Vic Williams

Robyn Guy

Katie Hilton

Laureen Krawiec

Stacy Dockter

**Attendees – Other**

Terri North

Bob Carnaroli

Sylvia Cardona

Sean Smith

Tonya Davis

Ed Stone

Stephanie Pickens

Jeannine Crowe

Kristin Morrissey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Terri North.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. North welcomed the visitors and members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

1. Approval of the Agenda

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Vic Williams. Second motion: Michelle Feeney. All members approved the agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Robyn Guy. Second motion: Michelle Feeney. All members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

1. New Business
   1. Presentation on FCS Legislative Priorities – Kristin Morrissey, Vice-Chair BOE Member, shared 2020 legislative priorities and highlights. Forsyth County Schools is focused on three opportunities: keeping students and teachers safe by adding more counselors and School Resource Officers in schools, recruiting and retaining teachers by increasing state funding, and supporting the state and local partnership by continuing to fully fund the QBE and increasing capital outlay to support growth in student enrollment. Mrs. Morrissey also shared the preliminary discussion to lower the number of standardized tests students are required to take because Georgia tests more than the Federal government required amount.
   2. 8th to 9th Grade Transition Activities for Denmark High School – Bob Carnaroli, Denmark High School Assistant Principal, outlined the transition activities that are offered to upcoming freshman and their parents. Denmark starts early with activities and offers many sessions to reach as many new students as possible. The Great Dane Experience that was held on February 8th had a large turnout. The next activity will be for middle school students to tour the building, visit classrooms, and learn about courses

and academic programs. The middle schoolers will be partnered with a high schooler during their visit. Additionally, families new to the area are offered tours on Fridays during the school day.

* 1. Brief Club Presentation:

i. Geography Club – The sponsor, Sarah Fogg, holds weekly meeting with 10-15 students from 6th to 8th grade. The initial focus is preparing for the Social Studies Fair and the Geography Bee, which is held in January. After the competitions, the group talks about current events.

ii. Math Club – Dan Praskovich, Lindsey Carter, and Tara McClelland co-sponsor a team of 25 6th through 8th grade students that meet on Monday mornings. Competitions are available for students during the year with a Regional Competition on February 8th. Two students qualified for the State Competition.

iii. Fantasy Football – Dan Praskovich is the sponsor of the 10-12-member club of 6th through 8th grades students that enjoy creating a fantasy football team on a weekly basis. The club is modeled after apps that are available but in a face-to-face setting. Mr. Praskovich hopes the experience helps students connect with parents and/siblings that also enjoy football.

iv. Soccer Intramural – Dan Praskovich will be sponsoring a co-ed soccer club this Spring for 6th through 8th graders. The group meets Wednesday mornings and they will play at Denmark High School in a tournament against other Forsyth County middle school teams.

1. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Stacy Dockter. Second motion: Robyn Guy. All members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:46 AM.