Forsyth County Schools DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting

Meeting Minutes 5/3/2019 7:34 AM

DeSana Media Center

625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004

Terri North, Principal

**Attendees – Voting Members**

Vic Williams

Michael Smith

Barry Herrin

Laureen Krawiec

Bridget Bryson

Stacy Dockter

**Attendees – Other**

Terri North

Mike Sloop

Todd Smith

Jan Monroe

James Armour

Jennifer Lundstrom

Laura Webb

Robin Bowers

Leandrea Voskanian

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vic Williams.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams welcomed all attendees and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

1. Approval of the Agenda

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Bridget Bryson. Second motion: Barry Herrin.

1. Approval of Minutes

First motion to approve the minutes was made by Barry Herrin. Second motion: Bridget Bryson.

1. Presentation to Local School Councils
   1. DeSana’s 5th to 6th Grade Transition Activities and Events – Mike Sloop, Assistant Principal, presented the transition activities for each elementary school that feeds into DeSana. This year DeSana started a new transition program called Dragon for a Day. Brandywine and Midway selected several 5th graders to come to DeSana and shadow a 6th grade student for three class periods. The students attended one content class, one enrichment and one connection class. Feedback from the elementary schools was very positive. DeSana also offers small group advanced studies discussions for the parents of rising 6th graders. The counseling department utilizes student ambassadors to help when DeSana is visiting elementary schools and they are available when 5th graders visit DeSana in May and at Dragon Camp in July. In addition to student transition activities, fifth and sixth grade teachers and counselors will hold transition meetings in May.
   2. Brandywine and Midway LSC Feedback – Mr. Smith, principal of Brandywine, and Mrs. Monroe, principal of Midway, gave kudos to Ms. North for attending all Special Education transition meetings to ensure that all students have a set plan before entering DeSana. The principals also praised DeSana’s policy for allowing students to choose advanced classes regardless of their test scores. They were pleased that if students want to, they can opt to raise the rigor of their academics.
   3. DeSana Update – Ms. North shared the master schedule for the 2020-21 school year. The modified block schedule was created by DeSana’s two leadership teams. Monday, Tuesday and Friday will be regular days and Wednesday and Thursday will be block days. The change in the schedule is being made to better serve students in academic classes, as well as, through SEAD lessons, AOL sessions and school wide assemblies. Additionally, Ms. North outlined how AOL time is used for reteach, work time, peer collaboration and unit previews.
2. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:46 AM by Chris Naffky with a second motion from Stacy Dockter.