Forsyth County Schools Meeting Minutes

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting 3/9/2020 7:34 AM DeSana Front Conference Room 625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004 Terri North, Principal

## Attendees - Voting Members

Juan Areiza
Leandrea Voskanian
Vic WIlliams
Robyn Guy
Katie Hilton
Laureen Krawiec
Stacy Dockter
Chris Naffky

### Attendees - Other

Terri North Stacy Hannel Amanda Stavropoulos

- I. Call to Order
  - The meeting was called to order by Chris Naffky.
- II. Welcome and Introductions
  - Mr. Naffky welcomed the visitors and members and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
  - Ms. North made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Principal's Report. First motion to approve the agenda was made by Vic Williams. Second motion: Leandrea Voskanian. All members approved the amended agenda.
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - First motion to approve the agenda was made by Stacey Dockter. Second motion: Robyn Guy. All members voted in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
  - a. Presentation about DeSana's S.E.A.D. Initiative And IMPACT Projects Stacey Hannel and Amanda Stavropoulos, representative of the S.E.A.D. Design Team shared a presentation. SEAD emerged out of the need for a SEL program and with the partnership of DeSana and Denmark staff members. Lessons are tailored to our students' needs based on feedback received from the Panorama Ed survey all students take in the Fall. The design team recently reviewed standards across all subject areas' content and identified how teachers can embed SEAD social emotional standards into daily classroom lessons, which they then presented to all teachers in a professional learning session. Ms. Hannel walked through a lesson with the council. Previews of the lessons at faculty meetings prepares the staff members to deliver lessons twice a month.

#### b. Club Presentations

i. PRISM – Tess MacMillan and several other teachers started this new club to help support the LGBTQ community. Students who are members of this club and their friends meet to talk, snack and work on crafts. There is a strong teacher presence at the meetings, which is good for the students and there is consistent support from Mrs. Woxland.

ii. Garden Club – Jen Foster started the club last year and the members educated themselves in order to build and work with two raised beds for their garden. This year the 12 members are hoping to add two more raised beds and they have requested more education, especially about organic farming.

iii. Photography Club – Terri North is the sponsor of this first semester club that meets twice a month. Additionally, outside of school, students are invited on several photo expeditions around Atlanta. They share photos and critique each other's work. The culminating activity is a photo essay exhibition held at DeSana during the winter band concert.

## VI. Principal's Report

- a. Staff and Personnel Update Current enrollment at DeSana matches the projections that were given last spring. The projections for the 2020-2021 school year indicate continued growth and an increase in staff allotments. The projections are: sixth grade 371 students, seventh grade 350 students, and eighth grade 350 students for a total of 1071 students. DeSana will be gaining a modular unit to help with the growth; along with three general education teachers, one counselor, and a band paraprofessional.
- b. County Precautions and Preparations for Coronavirus Dr. Bearden believes in being prepared but not panicked. Teachers have received extra cleaning supplies for the classrooms and the school has been allotted custodial overtime for nighttime cleaning and disinfecting. Administration will be meeting with teachers this week to discuss necessary plans and preparations in case we are out of school for an extended time.

# VII. 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.