

Forsyth County Schools

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting

Meeting Minutes

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/18/2020 7:34 AM

Virtual Meeting

Terri North, Principal

Attendees – Voting Members

Leandrea Voskanian

Michelle Feeney

Vic Williams

Robyn Guy

Katie Hilton

Laureen Krawiec

Stacy Dockter

Chris Naffky

Attendees – Other

Terri North

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Terri North.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. North welcomed the members and there were no visitors for this meeting.

III. Approval of the Agenda

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Katie Hilton. Second motion: Vic Williams. All members approved the amended agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Vic Williams. Second motion: Leandrea Voskanian. All members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

V. New Business

- a. LSC Members for the 2020-2021 School Year – The by-laws were reviewed by Ms. North to clarify the time commitment of each position. Members leaving the council are Dockter, Guy, Naffky, Williams, and Krawiec. Members staying for the next school year are North, Voskanian, Feeney, and Hilton. The elected PTO President, will be joining the council. Information will be available in Open House packets for parents to join LSC.
- b. LSC Annual Report to FCS Board – Ms. North shared previous years' requests and members shared ideas for DeSana's needs. The team members decided on three recommendations to send to the Board of Education for school improvements: hand sanitizer stations, cleaning supplies for teachers in their classrooms, and additional water bottle filling stations. These recommendations will be shared with the Board by Mr. Pirkle on June 16, 2020.

- c. How Did We Do During This Extended Online Learning? The members were asked for feedback as to what DeSana got right and what needed improvement during the extended online learning. Areas that needed improvement were: increase connection to school community through weekly virtual class meetings, ensure work is tied to learning and not busy work, more personalized video lessons with teachers' voices, review time to return feedback/grades, and set meeting times for classes to help maintain a schedule. Areas that DeSana got right were: block schedule, the work load assigned was appropriate, Friday catch-up day was useful, hold harmless grading, Forsyth County was ready for online learning – kids and parents knew what to do, and continuing with the book fair, D3 Day and the Talent Show made things feel normal.
- d. What We Know Now About the 2020-2021 School Year
 - i. Staffing - Ms. North shared that all staff positions were filled except for: a third counselor, a band paraprofessional, and a business education teacher. Overall, the school grew by 3 regular education teachers, plus 5 teachers and 3 paraprofessionals are leaving DeSana for other endeavors. The administration team will stay the same.
 - ii. Starting school in the Fall – Dr. Bearden has asked for suggestions and ideas through surveys from students, parents, teachers, and administration about how to start school. He and his cabinet will look over the data and decide what is best for the start of 2020 – 2021 school year. Classes could be face-to-face, online, or hybrid, but nothing has been decided yet. Dr. Bearden continues to meet with Metro area school leaders to tap into the collective wisdom as far as how to meet the county's needs and concerns while maintaining some with consistency with the Metro area schools.

VI. Adjournment.

All members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:29 AM.