Forsyth County Schools DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting

Meeting Minutes 8/31/2018 7:31 AM

DeSana Front Conference Room

625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004

Terri North, Principal

**Attendees – Voting Members**

Barry Herrin

Vic Williams

Chris Naffky

Bridget Bryson

Laureen Krawiec

Stacey Dockter

Jennifer Hester-Hall

**Attendees – Other**

Terri North

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vic Williams.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams welcomed the members and asked members to introduce themselves.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes

No changes were made and all members voted in favor of approving the minutes.

1. Old Business

a. Share Letter from The Forsyth County Board Of Education In Response To DeSana LSC Recommendations To The Board In May – Vic Williams read the letter to the members. The recommendations have been added to the list of county capital improvements and will be addressed as funds become available. Ms. North will monitor where the LSC recommendations fall on the capital improvements list. Barry Herrin shared some budget neutral ideas for outside improvements that could be handled by the Boy Scouts.

1. New Business
   * Election of LSC Officers (Vice-Chairperson and Secretary) – A slate of officers was nominated: Vice-Chairperson – Chris Naffky and Secretary – Laureen Krawiec

All members voted in favor of approving the slate of officers.

* + Establish Meetings Dates and Times – Dates and times were decided for the remainder of this year’s LSC meetings.
  + Decide Representatives for Superintendent’s Parent Community Advisory Board – Ms. North explained the role of the Parent Community Advisory Committee and Barry Herrin volunteered to be DeSana’s representatives
  + Discussion About Topics Our LSC Would Like to Discuss/Address/Have A Presentation On Throughout The Year - Several topics and potential presentations were discussed:
* Homeland Security training personnel to talk about Internet Safety
  + - DeSana Club presentations to gain better perspective of what is being offered for students
    - Dual Language Immersion Program update from Brandywine
    - Denmark update from Heather Gordy
    - Teaching and Learning presentation about the county initiatives of Literacy and Personalized Learning
    - Information about DeSana’s new Student Leadership Advisory Council & what they are doing
    - S.E.A.D. Design Team to share lesson development and update on program future plans, as well as reflections on how the initiative is going thus far
    - Hispanic Parent Partnership and Native Speaker Spanish Class updates
    - Presentation on how to talk with your kids about sex to help parents talk with their children
    - Alliance Academy update from Brandi Cannizzaro in October
    - Denmark’s administration meet with DeSana LSC in February to give update on Denmark and transition activities for the 8th graders moving on to high school the next year,
    - School board member to share Board’s legislative priorities in February
    - Feeder Elementary schools and DMS joint LSC meeting in May to discuss transition activities for 5th graders coming to DeSana next year.

1. Principal’s Report
   * Enrollment Information – At the time of the meeting DeSana had 916 students enrolled. Sixth grade had 321 students, seventh grade had 298 students and eighth grade had 297 students. The staff consists of 92 members with 8 new teachers.
   * DeSana’s Mission and Beliefs – This summer the school walls were branded with the school’s mission and beliefs. Members were given examples of The classroom posters, and a discussion ensued how the branding helped add to the consistency of the school expectations for interaction school wide.
   * DeSana S.E.A.D. Initiative - Each month two S.E.A.D. lessons focus on social/emotional competencies. Teachers address a key topic each month August through December and repeat the key topic cycle with new lessons January through May. The DMS SEAD Design Team meets monthly and the Denmark/DeSana Design Teams will meet together each quarter (4x this year) to work on further development of the program. One result result of the S.E.A.D. initiative has been the *Kindness Matters* Award. This monthly recognition of students caught displaying kindness will begin at the end of the month and will continue throughout the year.
   * FCS Learner Profile – Members were given a copy of the FCS Learner Profile to review and give feedback at the next meeting. Members were asked to solicit feedback from the community and evaluate: Is the staff helping students internalize the Learner Profile,

DeSana Mission, and DeSana Beliefs? Is the staff helping students develop the qualities and attributes described in the FCS Learner Profile?

1. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:53 AM. All members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at that time.