Forsyth County Schools DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting

Meeting Minutes 9/14/2018 7:40 AM

DeSana Front Conference Room

625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004

Terri North, Principal

**Attendees – Voting Members**

Vic Williams

Chris Naffky

Bridget Bryson

Laureen Krawiec

Stacy Dockter

**Attendees – Other**

Terri North

Jennifer Hester-Hall

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vic Williams.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams welcomed the members.

1. Approval of the Agenda

First motion to approve the agenda was made by Bridget Bryson. Second motion: Jennifer Hester-Hall.

1. Approval of Minutes

First motion to approve the minutes was made by Jennifer Hester-Hall. Second motion: Bridget Bryson.

1. Old Business

a. Discussion RE: FCS Learner Profile and how DeSana is doing to help students acquire the qualities and attributes of the Learner Profile –Jennifer Hester-Hall will be posting the Learner Profile strands on social media via social media. She will focus on one strand per month. Vic Williams also made a suggestion for students to create personal/academic SMART goals each year to accompany the Learner Profile. The committee decided to revisit this topic during the course of the year and have discussions as reflections occur.

1. New Business
   1. Discussion about FCS Draft 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Calendars and write feedback for Deputy Superintendent Joey Pirkle – The committee had one suggestion for the 2019-2020 Calendar, to move Fall Break back a week to have more balance for teaching between breaks. For the 2020-2021 Calendar, the committee suggested adjusting the start date and utilizing online learning days in November to offset the last days.
   2. DeSana Clubs Share – Ted-Ed (Bridget Bryson), Just One Africa (Stacy Dockter), Photography Club (Terri North) – Mrs. Bryson shared that her club is an official part of TedTalks and she implements preset lessons. The club is a mix of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and they learn how to present their passion via a TedTalk. Student TedTalks are shared with Ted. Ms. Dockter explained that Just One Africa began as a result of the Churchill family going on a mission trip in 2012 to Kenya. Students directly make an international impact by helping make necklaces and bracelets that raise funds for clean water for families in Kenya. Ms. North shared that this is her 24th year leading the Photography Club. The club meets one or two times a month during the first semester. At each meeting Ms. North shares lessons of the 5 aspects of composition to help students develop photographic skills. There are monthly photography expeditions and a culminating event of a photo exhibit.
2. Principal’s Report
   1. Hispanic Parents Partnership Council – Ms. North explained that the council is a MALDEF program to help educate Hispanic parents about school in American and specifically how school “works” at DeSana. The initial MALDEF meetings last year resulted in a great turnout and high interest which lead to the development of the Hispanic Parent Partnership Council. The council consists of 10 parents and 5 teachers. Monthly meetings starting on October will address key topics such as: technology, clubs, transition activities between elementary, middle and high school and presentation about Denmark High School.
   2. Georgia Milestones EOG and EOC Assessment Results from Spring 2018 – Due to time constraints, this item will be added to next month’s agenda.
3. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chris Naffky at 9:09 AM. All members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at that time.