Forsyth County Schools DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting

Meeting Minutes 2/8/2019 7:33 AM

DeSana Front Conference Room

625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004

Terri North, Principal

**Attendees – Voting Members**

Vic Williams

Barry Herrin

Michael Smith

Bridget Bryson

Stacy Dockter

Laureen Krawiec

**Attendees – Other**

Terri North

Jennifer Hester-Hall

Heather Gordy

Bob Canaroli

Brittany McMahon Farnum

Carolyn Moore

Sarah Fogg

Trey Jones

Jessica Strader

Shawna Lyons

Amanda Whitaker

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vic Williams.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Williams welcomed the members and guests and asked each one to introduce himself or herself.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

1. Approval of Minutes

First motion to approve the minutes was made by Bridget Bryson. Second motion: Michael Smith.

1. New Business
   1. 8th to 9th Grade Transition Activities for Denmark HS – Heather Gordy, Principal of Denmark HS shared an update on how well the students at Denmark are settling in and getting involved in school activities, sports and clubs. She also gave an outline of Denmark’s approach to communicating to middle school parents information about high school transition activities that were coming up. The school provides multiple days to allow time for parent/student review of information, opportunities to ask questions and make decisions about schedules and extracurricular activities. Mr. Canaroli explained that multiple parent nights, an open house and student tours led by upperclassmen called Denmark Directors all occur before the course registration portal opens. This allows parents and students to investigate all options available at Denmark. Mrs. McMahon Farnum gave details about the orientation day for freshmen that is held the day before school starts. She also discussed the importance of eighth grade teacher recommendations and the process of waiving in or out of a course and how that could impact students.
   2. DeSana Clubs Share:
      1. HOSA – Jessica Strader has about 27 sixth through eighth graders that take part in the student led Health Occupations Students of America. The student elected officers set the agenda and run the meetings. The intention of this club is to give students experience with the national organization and give them a preview for high school HOSA, which participates in competitions.
      2. Geography Club – Sarah Fogg and Trey Jones explained that the first half of the year the club is focused on preparing for the Geography Bee and the second half is concentrated on the Cultural Arts Night. The students led the Cultural Arts Night meetings and made decisions about food, performances and what and how information would be shared on the night. The club has about 20 members.
      3. Jr. Beta Club – Shawna Lyons and Amanda Whitaker head up the national charter which supports community service projects within DeSana. The group of about 25 sixth-eighth grade students has provided many events at DeSana: Veteran’s Day breakfast, Treats for the Troops, James Road Clean Up, Letters to the Veterans, Milestone Morale for students, babysitting for Hispanic Parent Night, and teacher appreciation goodie bags.
2. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:48 AM by Bridget Bryson with a second motion from Jennifer Hester-Hall.