DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting 11/11/2021 7:47 am DeSana Media Center & Microsoft Teams 625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004 Keith Sargent, Principal

Attendees - Voting Members

Katie Hilton
Dr. Torrence McKnight
Jeanne Ortiz
Leandrea Voskanian
Vic Williams

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent Christina Westerfield Shannon French Cathy Black James Armour Tyler Riddle Gary Fleming

- I. Call to Order
 - The meeting was called to order by Vic Williams at 7:47 am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
 - Vic Williams welcomed the members and asked members to introduce themselves.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
 - First motion to approve the agenda was made by Torrence McKnight. Second motion was made by Katie Hitlon. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the September 7, 2021 meeting.
 First motion to approve the minutes was made by Torrence McKnight. Second motion was made by Jeanne Ortiz. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. Old Business

None

- VI. New Business Torrance McKnight motioned to amend the DeSana LSC Bylaws as follows. Second motion was made by Katie Hilton. All members were in favor of amending the bylaws.
 - A. Amending Membership Bylaws

Beginning in the 21-22 school year, the Council shall expand to a maximum (15) members, and shall include:

- 1. A minimum of two (2) parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, excluding parents or guardians who are also employees of the school;
- 2. A minimum of two (2) parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school who are business persons;
- 3. Three (3) certificated teachers who are employed in at least four of the six school segment sat the school, and excluding any personnel employed in administrative positions;

- 4. The school principal;
- 5. A representative of the Hispanic Parent Partnership Council; and
- 6. The school's PTO President or designee (who must be an elected vice-president).
- B. Update from School Safety about traffic patterns
 School safety looked at the carpool traffic. It was determined that the volume of cars is
 the issue. A few recommendations were given for Mr. Sargent to consider.
- C. Clubs and Activities: Tyler Riddle, the DMS Athletic Director, presented information about clubs and activities.
 - 1. DeSana football made the playoffs for the first time in the school's history.
 - 2. Basketball kicks off tonight.
 - 3. Cheer is looking to expand their program by offering community clinics to get younger kids involved to grow with the program.
 - 4. Golf and track will begin in the spring. Getting tracks to host a DMS track meet is a struggle.
 - 5. Clubs as the school year has progressed clubs increased from 4 to 9 clubs and include volleyball, DECA, Art, Robotics (who won an award), Math, DeSana Gaming Organization/E-Sports, Soccer (60 kids), Wiffle Ball, Badminton, Reading Club. The school is trying to look at timing to get some clubs to meet during the school day with Flex Time. Torrence McKnight asked about SAT/ACT Prep Course/Club. Mr. Sargent said they are looking at PSAT preparation for kiddos. Khan academy has a free PSAT course.
- D. Our new School Resource Officer introduced himself. Gary Fleming is a retired police officer. He is present in the hallways and tries to make meaningful connections with the students.

VII. Principals Report

- A. COVID the cases of Covid-19 as a school and a district continue to decline. As a district we are at 29 student cases of Covid. Forsyth County Schools hopes to resume normal operations on November 29.
- B. Substitutes and bus drivers shortage things have normalized. FCS started the year 100 bus drivers short and currently 30 bus drivers short. They are dealing with a shortage of custodians, which is a national trend.
- C. Traffic issues School safety looked at the carpool traffic. It was determined that the volume of cars is the issue. A few recommendations were given for Mr. Sargent to consider.
- D. Veterans Day celebration is today. Activities include a drive through Veterans breakfast. Students will have a day that is focused on our Veterans
- E. REACH Scholarship 3 students qualified this year. PRIDE celebration tomorrow
- F. BINGO schoolwide BINGO is next Thursday. This provides a way to connect with students
- G. D3 Day teacher committee being formed.

VIII. Adjournment

First motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 am was made by Torrance McKnight. The motion seconded by Katie Hilton.

Meeting minutes compiled by Leandrea Voskanian, DMS LSC Secretary