

**Attendees - Voting Members**

Juan Arezia  
Carole Ekerberg  
Shannon French  
Katie Hilton

Dr. Torrence McKnight  
Leandrea Voskanian  
Vic Williams

**Attendees - Other**

Keith Sargent  
Larry Hammel

Lacey Gooch  
Jamie Baggett

- 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 Vic Williams. Second motion was made by Katie Hilton. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the May 14, 2021 meeting  
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Torrance McKnight. Second motion was made by Carole Ekerberg. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
  - A. Larry Hammel, Forsyth County Schools Chief Financial Officer discussed the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST), which will be on the November 2, 2021 ballot. If passed, SPLOST will continue the current sales tax for another 5 years and will help with FCS maintenance and life cycle projects including HVAC systems, new busses, building one elementary school, purchasing land, and more.
  - B. Amending LSC by-laws
    1. Members discussed increasing the minimum number of members serving on the Local School Council Board (from a minimum of 10 but a maximum of 15 members). A focus on diversity that matches our school demographics was favored.
    2. Because our LSC Bylaws are so important, it was decided that precise verbiage would be worked out over email before the next meeting. The new 2021-2022 LSC members will be invited to the next LSC meeting as non voting attendees.

- C. Selecting Parent/Community Advisory Reps
  - 1. Juan Arezia, Torrance McKnight, and Leandrea Voskanian volunteered to serve on this committee.
- D. Brainstorming ideas for future LSC topics
  - 1. Traffic on James Road during carpool
- E. Introduced new Assistant Administrator Lacey Gooch and Student Support Specialist Jamie Baggett
- F. Principal's report
  - 1. COVID data for students and staff at DMS was presented.
  - 2. Teacher of the Year - Lizzette Nixon, Spanish teacher
  - 3. Demographics - DMS has 1,159 students which is 16 students short of county projection. DMS will continue to add modulars to the building as we grow. We are one of 4 middle schools/several who do not take out of district students because we are over capacity
  - 4. Substitute teacher shortage
  - 5. Dismissal - Todd Shirley to help with James Road traffic. We are asking for a drone to see what the traffic looks like. Bus driver shortage continues to be an issue.
  - 6. New School Resource Officer - Our new Deputy will join the DMS on 9/17/2021. He has over 30 years of experience. Brandywine SRO has been helping with car rider line

VII. Adjournment

First motion to adjourn the meeting by Torrence McKnight at 8:46 am. Motion seconded by Carole Ekerberg.

Meeting minutes compiled by Leandrea Voskanian, DMS LSC Secretary