

Attendees - Voting Members

James Armour
Juan Arezia
Charity Boulton
Carole Ekerberg
Shannon French
Katie Hilton
Dr. Torrence McKnight
Leandrea Voskanian
Christina Westerfield

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent
Amy Tarver (8th Grade counselor)
Georgia Walters (7th Grade Counselor)

Sara Coates (6th Grade Counselor)
Jamie Baggett (Student Support Specialist)

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Katie Hilton at 7:48 am.
- II. Welcome and Introductions
Mr. Sargent welcomed the members.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Katie Hilton. Second motion was made by Torrence McKnight. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the November 11, 2021 meeting
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Leandrea Voskanian. Second motion was made by Torrence McKnight. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. Old Business
 - A. None
- VI. New Business
 - I. COVID-19 Updates
Forsyth County Schools will be reinstituting Covid-19 mitigation measures (which were in effect in September). There will be no large group assemblies. For students the biggest change is that the students will eat in the classroom instead of the cafeteria. There will be limited guests in the building. Masks will be encouraged.
 - II. Counselor Updates
 1. Ms. Tarver spoke about Rising 9th grade information which will be rolled out to students in the next few weeks.

2. Ms. Coates spoke about the Rising 6th grade information. A Middle School 101 virtual parent night has been scheduled. The counselors are hopeful that 5th grade students will be able to visit DMS in May (pending Covid restrictions).
3. Counseling Supports
 - a. Ms. Coates encourages parents to call DMS counseling if they have any issues, questions, or concerns.

III. Student Support Specialist:

1. Ms. Bagget's role includes working with counselors and struggling students. In this role she is able to help students gain confidence through things including academic screening, instructional extension, Breakfast Club (extra help from 7:30 to 8:00), previewing classroom materials before instructions, assisting with translating, and helping our hospital bound students.

IV. Principal's Report

1. As a district our numbers are lower than we anticipated. The school is doing everything we can to keep students in face to face instruction. We are at a good spot for now with Covid. Mr. Ashley Starr has been the DMS admin overseeing Covid information and cases.
2. There are staff positions that need to be filled including 1 custodian and down 2 cafeteria workers
3. Lizette Nixon is the Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Nixos is in finalist of the year pool for TOTY
4. The 8th grade dance is being planned by teachers. planning it. They are trying to avoid having dance on the same weekend as Denmark's prom. No date set yet.
5. The FCS Job Fair is scheduled for the end of February. It is too all to know all of the staffing projections for next school year, but Mr. Sargent anticipates adding 3 to 5 staff members.

VII. Adjournment

First motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 am was made by Torrance McKnight. Motion seconded by Katie Hilton.

Meeting minutes compiled by Leandrea Voskanian, DMS LSC Secretary