

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting
DATE: January 16, 2025
TIME: 7:30 am
DeSana Flex Room
625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004
Keith Sargent, Principal

Attendees - Voting Members

Christina Westerfield
Cathy Black
Quan Sasaki
Eileen Bundy
Jeanna Black
Asra Mansoor

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal
Jamie Bui - Assistant Principal
Dan Grass - Assistant Administrator
Bryson Bridget - Media Center Specialist
Tara McClellan - 6th grade Math Teacher
Bonny West - 7th grade Science Teacher
Jen Weber - PTO President

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Christina Westerfield at 7:36am
- II. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Cathy Black. Second motion was made by Bryson Bridget. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- III. Approval of the Minutes from September 12, 2024
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Cathy Black. Second motion was made by Eileen Bundy. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. New Business
 - I. Jamie Bui presented grade transitions and 25-26 Registration
 1. Timeline for rising 6th graders, 7th graders, 8th graders
 - a) Feb teacher recommendations for science, social studies, reading
 - b) March course selection starts
 - c) April accelerated class testing
 - d) May test results and class selection
 2. Timeline to high school
 - a) Jan. teacher recommendations
 - II. New credit guidelines
 1. Summer options (handout and Forsyth County website) updated to match more closely to other Georgia school districts
 2. No high school credit allowed for courses outside of school day schedule

3. Credit allowed for Spanish, PE, Algebra but not GPA (ie- student's grade from class)

III. Milestone data

1. School improvement plan is centered on being safe, connected, and thriving
2. Georgia Dept of Education website
 - a) [CCRPI scores](#) report as lagging indicators:
 - (1) 2023 100% on closing gaps
 - (2) 2024 shows 1,290 enrolled with 72% on closing gaps, 91% on content mastery, 82% on progress, 91% on readiness
 - (a) Drop in closing gaps is noted as possible correlation with rising enrollment of lower income families by Desana
 - (b) Drop in progress is relative to previous year
 - (c) Readiness score is based on student attendance, milestone scores
3. Desana Milestone Report (handout) for 2017-2024
 - a) Pre- and post- COVID trends
 - b) School support
 - (1) Breakfast club before school to give students more support
 - (2) After school support for non-English parents
 - (3) Reading class and lounge area to encourage student interest in reading

IV. Principal Report

1. Safety
 - a) As pilot rollout, Brandywine and Desana teachers now wear neck bands with audio enhancement (Safe Alert system) as location tracking microphone for live audio feed in emergency health or intruder incidents
 - b) Classrooms optionally has same microphone
 - c) Alternative alert options available but have reported many false emergency alerts
 - d) Safety reports derived from student participation in climate score, from student attendance
2. AI (artificial intelligence) impacts on student cheating and other misuses will soon update DeSana's school handbook. Please read and send feedback.
3. Enrollment continues to grow so will prompt more staffing
 - a) DL (dual language program)
 - b) AP (assistant principal)
4. Denmark has land for new school but no announced plans yet

V. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Jenn Weber, Second by Cathy Black – 8:24 am.

Meeting minutes compiled by Quan Sasaki, LSC Secretary