

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting
12/11/2020 7:3 am
DeSana Media Center
625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004
Terri North, Principal

Attendees – Voting Members

Dr. Torrence McKnight
Vic Williams
Berry Herrin
Carole Ekerberg
Katie Hilton
Jeanne Ortiz
Michelle Feeney

Attendees – Other

Terri North
Joey Pirkle
Matt Wark
Carolyn Moore
Michelle Manos
Trish Morriss

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Michelle Feeney at 7:33 am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
Michelle Feeney welcomed members and reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.
- III. Approval of Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Torrence McKnight. Motion seconded by Vic Williams. All members in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from November 13, 2020 meeting
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Torrence McKnight. Motion was seconded by Vic Williams. All members in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - Joey Pirkle and Matt Wark talked about the redistricting that was just completed in our school district. Joey Pirkle discussed all the personnel involved in the redistricting process. The principals of the new schools and schools affected by the redistricting and board members view the redistricting lines. Then, the maps are placed online for the public to view and give feedback. All the feedback is shared with Board members for

their consideration. Matt Wark stated that Forsyth's population growth in the different areas of the county is also considered when determining the opening population of the schools.

- The DeSana Counseling Team (Carolyn Moore, Michelle Manos, Trish Morriss) talked about their plans for this year and how they support students, both F2F students and virtual students. Mrs. Moore discussed the five small groups available for F2F and virtual students. Mrs. Moore explained the classroom guidance lessons that the counseling department teach within the classroom. Mrs. Manos discussed their roles and duties that facilitate the well-being of the whole child's needs for F2F and virtual students. Mrs. Manos also discussed the transition activities that take place throughout the year for 6th and 8th grade students. Mrs. Manos discussed the January transition for students who were virtual 1st semester to help prepare them for returning to school. Mrs. Manos discussed all the communication platforms for the virtual students. Mrs. Manos discussed all the community outreach programs that DeSana provides for the community and students.
- Clubs: Just One Africa Club – Stacy Dockter – Club Sponsor. Ms. Dockter oversees the Just One Africa Club. The club uses beads, made by African ladies, to create jewelry to be sold. All the money generated goes back to the African Clean Water Program. The Program, along with Ms. Dockter, found a way to make the jewelry-making process safe for students in the club during this pandemic so that club members could continue to meet and do this good work. Ms. Dockter stated that DeSana generated \$4,000 for the Clean Water Program during their December 2-day Pop-Up Sale.

VI. Principal's Report

- COVID Report- Before Thanksgiving break, one student tested positive. 20 students were quarantined because of the one student. After Thanksgiving break, one teacher tested positive. As of today, 5 students and 3 staff have tested positive. Terri North went over the new CDC and DPH's new guidelines for staff and student direct exposure.
- Second Semester data-60% F2F and 40% Virtual. Administration met with teachers to discuss how the numbers will affect the master schedule. Teachers were given concrete information about what classes he/she would be teaching next semester and possible changes in the master schedule for both F2F and virtual classes. Ms. North stated that some students' schedules will change in regard to their class period for a class and/or the teacher they have for a subject. She added that this cannot be helped with the number of students changing their educational setting for the second semester. Students coming to DeSana for F2F classes for the first time the second semester will be offered an opportunity to come in on January 4th or 5th to tour the building, get their schedule, meet teachers, and make any purchases of school supplies they would like to buy. Those students changing to virtual classes for the second semester will be offered an opportunity to attend a workshop with grade level virtual teachers on January 4th or 5th to learn how they should operate in a virtual setting for school.
- All student schedules will go live January 6th.

- DeSana is having a virtual Bingo day during the school day. Students/Staff can purchase more Bingo cards. Prizes will be given to the winners.

VII. First motion to adjourn the meeting was at 8:54 am was made by Vic Williams. Motion seconded by Barry Herrin. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54.

Meeting minutes compiled by Carole Ekerberg