

**Attendees - Voting Members**

Michelle Feeney (virtual)  
Dr. Torrence McKnight  
Juan Arezia  
Barry Herrin  
Carole Ekerberg  
Katie Hilton  
Leandrea Voskanian

**Attendees - Other**

Terri North  
Keith Sargent  
Ashley Starr

- I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by Teri North at 7:34 am
- II. Welcome - Ms. North welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- III. Approval of the Agenda.  
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Barry Herrin. Second motion:  
Torrence McKnight. All members in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 19, 2021 meeting.  
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Torrence McKnight. Second motion:  
Katie Hilton. All members in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
  - GA Milestones Assessments (EOG & EOC) Update & Assessment Plans for DeSana.
    - We are moving forward with testing as the Georgia state waiver to exempt statewide testing was declined.
    - Mr. Starr presented the final End of Grade/End of Course (EOG/EOC) middle school testing calendar. Testing will start later in April this year based on feedback from teachers. DeSana Middle School Face-to-Face students will test in the morning (9:00 to 11:45). Virtual Students with accommodations will test in the school building from 1:00 to 4:00. Virtual student testing (students without accommodations) is optional and will be held in the evening with parents being responsible for transportation. The federal government wants to see if there are gaps in learning and to be able to identify those gaps. Face-to-face families are able to refuse

testing. High school credit EOC scores will be calculated as 10% of the final grade IF it raises the student's grade. IF the EOC score negatively impacts the final grade, it will be calculated as 0.01%. If a student does not take the EOC, a zero will be calculated into the final grade as 0.01%

- Club Presentations
  1. Math Club - Mrs. Carter and Mr. Prascovich talked about Math Club. Nine students are in the math club, eight of whom are virtual. In the MathCounts competition, one DMS student advanced to the state competition. Sixth grade math club students will participate in the FoCo Pie Fight (and that competition is open to ALL sixth grade students).
  2. Rainbow Alliance Club - Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Gooch presented. - Mrs. MacMillan thought there was a need for the club at the middle school level as there is a high school level club the students can transition to. Last year (2019/2020) there were 3 members. This year's first meeting had 20 people, the second meeting had 30 people, and the third meeting had 20 people.
  3. PTO - Barry Herrin said that 100% of the PTO Dream Requests fundraisers were funded. Membership funds will help with D3 Day, Bingo night, bus driver gifts, plus a gift of \$500 to Hendricks Middle School help their PTO get established in 2021/2022. The DMS PTO wants to do on campus/relational activities in 2021/2022.

## VII. Principal's Report

- Job Fair - Mr. Sargent discussed the county Job Fair which was 100% virtual with over 1,200 applicants. The teacher and applicant feedback was very positive. DMS had 9 positions to fill. Currently 1 of those 9 positions remains unfilled.
- Educational Settings - Mr. Sargent discussed educational settings in the 2021/2022 school year. There will be three choices - In person/face-to-face, DMS Virtual (more synchronous), FVA (asynchronous). After spring break a survey will be sent about the preferred educational model for 2021/2022.
- Advanced Studies - Advanced Studies information sessions are happening now. Friday April 2, 2021 is the firm deadline for registration to be delivered to the front office for sixth and seventh grade students.
- DeSana Day of Good Deeds - Ms. North stated that D3 Day will occur this year on May 21, 2021 in the morning. Face to face kids will stay on campus to complete projects. Virtual students will have the option to attend the in person events or do a project at home to be returned to the school. The D3 T-shirt will have the 2020/2021 design on front and last year's 2019/2020 winning design on back. Seventh and eighth grade students paid last year and will not be asked for donations. Sixth grade students are being asked for a \$5 donation. Every student, regardless of monetary donation or educational setting, will receive a t-shirt. Twelve teachers are bringing this to life.
- Monday March 15, 2021 is a Virtual Learning Day because all FCS staff have the opportunity to get the COVID-19 vaccination on Saturday March 13.
- Track season and golf season have their first events next week.

- Family connect night is next Wednesday
- Soccer intramural competitions are happening between a few FCS middle schools. All games are played at FCS high school stadiums
- Upcoming LSC meetings (April - talk about recommendations from the board, next year's LSC, DMS Budget. May - transition meeting with elementary schools

VIII. Adjournment

First motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 am was made by Torrence McKnight. Motion seconded by Carole Ekerberg.

Meeting minutes compiled by Leandrea Voskanian, DMS LSC Secretary