

DeSana LSC Meeting --- Oct 16, 2020

Call to Order

Members in attendance:

Katie Hilton, Jeanne Ortiz, Leandrea Voskanian, Vic Williams, Carole Ekerberg, Juan Areiza, Michelle Feeney, and Barry Herrin

Others in attendance:

Terri North

- Terri called the meeting to order at 7:34
- Introductions of all LSC members

Approval of the Agenda

- Motion was made to approve agenda by Vic Williams and Barry Herrin
- Council approved the agenda unanimously

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to accept and approve the minutes as is from May agenda by Leandrea and Katie
- Rest of the committee approved the agenda

Old Business

- Terri reviewed the FCS Board of Education's response to DeSana LSC's recommendations in their Annual Report to the Board in May 2020.
 1. Request for hand sanitizer --- Board responded that they would not install hand sanitizer stations in every classroom. FCS Facilities Dept. gave every school more hand sanitizer stations at the start of the 2020-2021 school year and gave extra mobile ones (magnet-based) to DeSana because it is one of a very few schools that does not have hand sanitizer stations in every classroom.
 2. Request for cleaning supplies for teachers --- Board responded that the FCS Facilities Dept. is working hand-in-hand with each school's head custodian and principal in taking care of the cleaning needs for the school.
 3. Request for additional water bottle filling stations --- Board responded that each school has the option of purchasing additional water bottle filling stations and that the FCS Facilities will assist in ordering and installing them

New Business

1. Terri shared with new members LSC training information about how a Local School Council operates.

2. Terri facilitated the discussion for deciding LSC meeting dates/time for the year.
 - a. The committee decided on Friday mornings at 7:30. The committee agreed on the following meeting dates:
 - i. November 13
 - ii. December 11
 - iii. January 8
 - iv. February 19
 - v. March 12
 - vi. April 16
 - vii. May 14
 - b. Virtual options will be available to honor people's comfortability-Terri will send out handouts ahead of time if someone cannot attend in person
 - c. Barry Herrin suggested the importance of "trying to attend in person" because he feels it is vital to the LSC's operation

3. Terri facilitated a brainstorming session on topics for discussion and presentation during the LSC meetings throughout the year. The following topics were suggested and agreed upon:
 - a. DeSana Counselors presenting their plans and goals for the year
 - b. School system's redistricting plans
 - c. Club presentations
 - d. Presentation on FCS Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) initiative
 - e. Update on state testing for this year, including the new BEACON assessments in the areas of ELA and Math
 - f. Presentation on virtual classes during this 2020-2021 school year vs Spring of the 2019-2020 school year, and how they are operating differently and/or the same. Also, once the school system has made some decisions about how both F2F and virtual classes will look during the 2021-2022 school year, have appropriate county office personnel present that information.
 - g. North-if testing does take place, the county can come speak to the committee about how testing will look this year and how it may change
 - h. Joint presentation from DeSana's School Resource Officer (SRO) and personnel from the FCS Safety Dept. on drugs, vaping and cyber security

4. Terri facilitated nominations and the selection for DeSana's LSC Vice Chair and Secretary.
 - LSC nomination for Vice Chair -Vic Williams was nominated and approved
 - LSC nomination for Secretary -Leandrea Voskanian was nominated and approved

5. Terri asked for parent volunteers to serve on the FCS Superintendent's Parent/Community Advisory Council. The following parents volunteered:
 - Vic Williams
 - Barry Herrin
 - Michelle Feeney

Principal's Report

- Terri shared DeSana's school enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year --- 1059 students enrolled, of which **526 students** attending face to face and **533** students attending virtually.
- DeSana's Demographics for this school year:
 - Hispanic 24%
 - Asian 32%
 - African American 11%
 - Caucasian 30%
 - 2 or more races 3%
- COVID information:
 - 2 DeSana students have tested positive and quarantined for 10 days
 - Two staff members have tested positive and quarantined for 10 days
 - Terri and DeSana Nurse, Rebecca McWalters, are communicating with parents about possible COVID cases
 - 90%-95% of students are wearing masks, masks are available in the counseling office and nurse's office
 - Questions about attendance during this school year and how they are coded differently for virtual students.
 - Explanation of how seating works in the cafeteria so that students can eat in the cafeteria part of the time
- Challenges for teachers:
 - Some teachers are teaching just face to face . . . some face to face and virtual . . . and some just virtual
 - Itslearning pages are kept up to date for all students who are face to face, virtual and/or out while sick or quarantined
 - Challenge for teachers teaching virtual students --- some (more than usual) are doing very little work virtually. Teachers, counselors, and admin are constantly contacting students and parents. Administration will start home visits if not successful in reaching parents by phone for a conference.
 - Semester 2 - DeSana Parent Educational Setting Commitment Form will be available electronically on Monday, October 19th and is due by midnight, November 2nd. Information will be disseminated to parents in a variety of ways and via various places within the community. If a parent doesn't turn in a form, the student will stay in his/her current setting. Admin wants to be firm on the due date unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- Other information:
 - Feeder elementary schools are saying that they may have an influx of students for the 2nd semester when their MS/HSsiblings return to school
 - Clubs will start at different times and some clubs may not meet if teacher does not feel comfortable starting the club
 - Robotics competitions – Robotics teachers across the county have pushed back beginning meeting dates so have not been able to attend any competitions
 - Football-season went well. Terri expressed her praise for the football players and cheerleaders.
 - Basketball tryouts are starting this week. 60% (330 people) of gym capacity will be allowed to attend games. Tickets will only be sold on GoFan. Kids can stay after and can scan ticket from phone or computer

- Veterans Day – DeSana will host their 5th Annual Veterans Day Celebration, honoring veteran tied to our DeSana community. Students will be submitting questions so Veterans may answer them via a video, which we will be put together in one long video to be included in the Celebration.
- 9-week progress reports will be available on 10/23. No paper copy; only via Parent Portal

Adjournment

- Katie Hilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02
- Vic Williams seconded the motion
- The decision was unanimous to adjourn at 9:02