

Attendees - Voting Members

Dr. Torrence McKnight
Vic Williams
Juan Arezia
Carole Ekerberg
Katie Hilton
Leandrea Voskanian

Attendees - Other

Terri North	Jan Monroe
Keith Sargent	Leanne Forbes
Ashley Starr	Tiffany Armor
Michelle Manos	Rob O'Neill
Christina Chris	Jennifer Lundstrum
Daphne Rogers	Sarah LeBlanc
Daisy Tremps	Jennifer Brown

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Vic Williams at 7:32 am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
Vic Williams welcomed the members and asked members to introduce themselves. Members from Brandywine Elementary and Midway Elementary joined in person and virtually.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Torrence McKnight. Second motion was made by Carole Ekerberg. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the April 16, 2021 meeting
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Torrence McKnight. Second motion was made by Katie Hilton. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - 5th to 6th Grade Transition Activities presented by Michelle Manos
 - Michelle Manos, DMS Counselor, handed out an example of one Transition Activities Flyer that was created for each feeder elementary school's rising 5th graders
 - Ms. Manos and Mr. Boyett (music teacher) created a 6 minute Dragon for A Day video for rising 6th grade students.
 - DMS LSC parent members complimented this video and encouraged the school to continue this method of communication in future years.

- 11 sixth grade ambassadors worked on the video, wrote letters to upcoming rising 6th graders. These students will go to Brandywine and Midway to present in person and will meet with Big Creek students virtually.
- June 1st to June 4th, 2021 students and their families will be able to tour DMS.
- Dragon Camp will happen closer to the start of the school year (typically the Saturday before school starts). Hopefully parents will be able to attend with their child (this decision will be based on district wide policies on large group gatherings during the pandemic). DMS is excited to start building relationships with families.
- Advanced studies nights (8) are being offered. These classes are for any child who is willing and motivated to take on the challenge of the advanced class.

VII. Principal's Reports

- Educational Setting Survey - Mr. Sargent shared data. Less than 3% of families chose the virtual setting (a total of 63 students). Districtwide there weren't enough students to support the synchronous learning model. Students were asked to choose between face to face or FVA educational placements.
- The DeSana Middle School LSC is looking for new members for the 2021/2022 school year
- Ms. North discussed this End of Grade Testing Season. The school tested from sun up to sun down. (9:00 to 12:00 in person, 1:00 to 4:00 virtual with accommodations, 5:00 to 8:00 virtual students)
 - One testing day was interrupted by a malfunctioning fire alarm light. Rain was hitting the sensor. That testing day was rescheduled from Monday to Thursday.
 - Overall, testing participation was much different this year. In the past schools needed 95% testing participation for CCRPI scores, but that was waived for 2020/21 due to the pandemic. DMS had many Face-to-Face (F2F) students refuse to take testing and many virtual students opt out of testing. The following is the breakdown per grade level of students who took their EOG/EOC tests:
 - 6th grade F2F 98% ELA, F2F 98% Math. 6th grade virtual 61% ELA, virtual 61% Math
 - 7th Grade F2F 79% ELA, F2F 76% Math. 7th grade virtual ELA 59%, virtual Math 58%
 - 8th grade F2F 70% ELA, 65% Math (F2F and Virtual Combined), F2F 62% Science, F2F 70% Social Studies. 8th grade Virtual ELA 40%, Virtual Social studies 37%
 - EOG scores are expected 5/19/2021. EOC scores are expected 5/20/2021. Parents may receive this info at the end of May/beginning of June in ItsLearning.
- Ms. North provided a follow up to last month's LSC meeting regarding the Junior Achievement Center. Our DMS 6th and 7th grade students utilize the facility. An agreement was made with neighboring counties to utilize the JAC. Based on the number of counties that use the center, it is hard to schedule time for field trips. However, Forsyth County does get first dibs when it comes to scheduling.
- The end of the school year brings many activities including:
 - Chorus concert
 - Band concert
 - 7th grade field trip to the Junior Achievement Center
 - DeSana Day of Good Deeds
 - Pride Awards
 - 8th Grade Honors Awards
 - 8th Grade Picnic
 - Yearbook autograph pages
- Ms. North distributed the 2020/2021 DMS LSC Annual Report which will be presented to the BOE on June 15, 2021 by Mr. Joey Pirkle.

VIII. Adjournment

First motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 am was made by Katie Hilton. Motion seconded by Carole Ekerberg.

Meeting minutes compiled by Leandrea Voskanian, DMS LSC Secretary