

Attendees - Voting Members

James Armour
Kristy Ortego
Georgie Walters
Bridget Bryson
Jen Schuster
Chekema Hector

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal
Peyton Maddox – Assistant Principal
Ashley Starr - Assistant Administrator
Scott Williams – Athletic Director

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by James Armour at 7:55am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
Mr. Sargent welcomed the team members.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Bridget Bryson. Second motion was made by Chekema Hector. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from November 11, 2022.
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Chekema Hector. Second motion was made by Bridget Bryson. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - Athletic Facilities Update – Coach Scott Williams
 - 31 football players
 - 15 football and basketball cheer
 - 45 Basketball Players
 - Total of 106 student athletes
 - Improvements were made to gym and weight room over Winter Break by McEver Signs & Graphics in Dawsonville
 - Future improvements to enhance athletics, boost team confidence and promote sports in a positive light
 - Team photos, motivational quotes
 - Posting team photos on website

- Goal for DMS is to improve and grow athletics
- Student Code of Conduct Feedback – Ashley Starr
 - Available to all families virtually with a few paper copies if needed
 - Behavior issues in schools has escalated throughout the country
 - Pages 4 - 6 – review parent connection
 - Address behaviors – goal is to partner with parents and families
 - Provide feedback to Mr. Sargent or Mr. Armour
- Student Perception Surveys – Maddox
 - 704 responses total, hoping to have a higher number in Spring
 - Goal of survey is to provide a safe environment for students
 - Questions students answered 1 – 5, results were average, hoping for an increase in the spring when they take survey again
 - Connections to adults (teachers, staff as well as other students) – what can we do about the students who feel there is no connection with teachers/adults, other students
 - Pair students next to each other
 - Teachers building relationships with students who feel no connection
 - Best thing about DMS:
 - Friends, diversity, Connect & Thrive, Teachers, Feeling Safe, Sports & Clubs, etc.
 - Ways to improve Connect & Thrive
 - More time, space, club offerings, more variety, sign up early, move to morning, etc.
 - How can DMS help students feel more connected and supported
 - Increase in free time, clubs, fun activities and school spirit
 - Prevent bullying
 - Free seating at lunch
- 8th Grade Transition Activities – Georgie Walters
 - Partnering with high school counselors to educate 8th graders – focusing on 9th grade
 - 30 – 35 students attending Alliance next year
 - Classes for high school credit can be taken in 8th grade

VI. Principal's Report

- Lexile data and scores
 1. Milestones and assessments
 - a) Students' ability to read and interpret
 - b) Focus on students reading – Reading class for 6th and 7th grade
 - (1) Majority of DMS students are at or above Lexile stretch band

2. Out of District Requests and Success Stories
 - a) Superintendent representative will attend to discuss at our next meeting
3. Tuesday night – 400 students/parents in building for Dragon Awards
 - a) Recognized and nominated by teachers
 - b) Monthly ceremony

VII. Adjournment

- Next LSC meeting is March 9, 2023 at 7:30am
- First Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:24 am was made by Chekema Hector.
Second Motion to Adjourn was made by Bridget Bryson.

Meeting minutes compiled by Kristy Ortego, LSC Secretary