

Attendees - Voting Members

James Armour
Kristy Ortego
Jen Schuster
Juan Areiza
Christina Westerfield

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal
Ashley Starr - Assistant Principal
Dr. Heather Tallant – Assistant Principal
Jamie Bui – Assistant Administrator
Peyton Maddox – Assistant Administrator

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by James Armour at 7:50am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
Mr. Sargent welcomed the team members.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Christina Westerfield. Second motion was made by Jamie Bui. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from January 12, 2023.
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Christina Westerfield. Second motion was made by Jamie Bui. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - Superior Spot Light
 1. Administrative team with three 7th grade ambassadors presented to Superintendent and School Board the Connect and Thrive program at DeSana
 2. Presented about positives of Connect and Thrive – allows bus students to have an opportunity to participate in school activities during school hours rather than before/after school
 - Transitions
 1. Middle of transitions – 8th grade to 9th grade and 5th grade to 6th grade
 2. Denmark offered a tour of school and guidance to selecting class
 - a) Presented at DeSana as well
 - b) Process of transitions ended March 7th

3. DeSana met with 5th graders
 4. Process for 7th to 8th grade happening now
 5. 7th grade ambassadors are giving tours to feeder schools – New Hope, Midway, Brandywine and Big Creek
 6. May 8th – 12th – can waive into and out of classes recommended to them
 7. Learn differences between on level and advanced.
 8. DeSana 100% feeder school to Denmark
- Milestone Assessments
 1. District creates and publishes the testing schedule
 2. April 24th begins testing with 6th graders
 - a) Try to keep school to those not testing as normal as possible
 - b) One way student growth is tracked – one piece of the puzzle to judge students growth
 - c) CCRI rate is impacted by participation – students can opt out of math if already taken algebra
 - d) Try to keep as low key as possible
 3. 6th grade – ELA & Math
 4. 7th grade – ELA and Math
 5. 8th grade – All subjects
 6. Have connections at end of day on testing days for grades to give relief from tests
 7. No retake opportunities for middle school

VI. Principal's Report

- Growth for next year – DeSana is growing, but addition of trailers not anticipated for next year
 1. Adding 3 additional teacher allotments – in hiring season
- Spring Fling – Friday, April 24th at Denmark High School – Baseball game at same time – looking for LSC's help in advertising
 1. Would like band and chorus to perform
 2. Requesting book donation to give to families in community to encourage reading
- May 12th 8th grade dance
- D3 day – needing volunteers
 1. Work with PTO to volunteer
- May 22 – 26 – Last week of school
 1. Fun events planned for school
 2. 8th grade awards night
 3. All A's award for all grades
 4. 8th grade walk to cheer kids on that are going to Denmark
- Denmark Vertical LSC meeting at Piney Grove – Thursday May 11th – meet at Piney Grove rather than DeSana 9:00 – 10:30am (possibly need us to have a meeting as well since it is the last meeting of the year – recommendations to school board for school)

- Cultural Week – April 17th – highlight a region of the globe each day rather than cultural night
 1. Ms. Nixon and other teachers leading this event
- Duck Dive
 1. Great cause - \$10 and goes directly back to schools
 - a) 1 winner receives \$10,000
 2. Each school can apply for grants – DeSana received \$1,500 this school year

VII. Adjournment

- Next LSC meeting is May 11, 2023 at 7:45am
- First Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:18 am was made by Peyton Maddox.
Second Motion to Adjourn was made by Christina Westerfield.

Meeting minutes compiled by Kristy Ortego, LSC Secretary