

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting
DATE: November 10, 2022
TIME: 7:30 am
DeSana Media Center & Live Microsoft Teams
625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004
Keith Sargent, Principal

Attendees - Voting Members

James Armour
Christina Westerfield
Juan Arezia
Kristy Ortego
Leela Chitta
Catherine Black
Bridget Bryson
Jen Schuster
Shannon French

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal
Peyton Maddox – Assistant Principal
Jamie Bui - Assistant Principal

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by James Armour at 7:53am
- 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 Jen Schuster. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from September 15, 2022.
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Bridget Bryson. Second motion was made by Christina Westerfield. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - Audio Enhancement (EPIC)
 - System used for bells and paging system can also be used as a microphone in the classrooms.
 - Microphone system in each classroom –The teacher’s voice can be heard well throughout the classroom.
 - Also has a feature called “SAFE” – the teachers are able to hold the buttons down for emergency alert to front office if needed.
 - Currently optional for teachers, but would like to get 100% teacher use.
 - DeSana and Brandywine pilot schools for this program

- There is an app available for cell phones to access the system
 - Can pair up to 99 microphones to each system – will not interfere between classrooms
- CCRPI Data (DeSana's Report Card -College and Career Ready Performance Index)
 - Forsyth County has the highest graduation rate in the state
 - School year (2021/2022) was first somewhat normal year for testing since COVID – using as a baseline year, expecting growth
 - DeSana Performance
 - English/Language Arts 85.50
 - Math 91.07
 - Science 64.25
 - Social Studies 76.55
 - District Score 88.1
 - State Score 60
 - State would prefer a 95% participation rate in taking tests, however students/families do have the option to opt out of testing.
 - Prefer students at Proficient level – range varies depending on subject
- High School Pathway Nights
 - 2022 - District has moved timelines up in the year from previous years
 - High Schools have unique career pathways
 - Each high school is hosting a Pathway Night so that parents can get information as well as students
 - Goal is to have students' industry certified in field
 - Can request an out of district transfer for certain career pathways
 - Acceptance rate for going out of district depends on opportunities offered at school
- Media Center Committee update
 - Media and Learning Center (MLC) – shifted from libraries to media centers
 - Goal is to create a more welcoming experience for all students to not only learn but have fun
 - Student Ownership focused
 - 77 student volunteers, 30 fully committed volunteers
 - 2 week rotation on volunteers
 - Committee of 20 students divided into 4 groups
 - Events
 - Tech team
 - Creative team
 - Morning activities

- Currently have 7,529 books in collection, however, the MLC is short on books per student
 - Circulation data shows significant increase in circulation since before COVID
 - 2019-2020 9,782 in circulation
 - Current circulation 19,013
 - Prescriptions available for teachers to “prescribe” time for students to work in MLC
- Book Fair
 - Lollipop Sale – exceeded expectations
 - Raised \$937.39 in profit
 - Book Fair Sales \$7,641
 - Earned \$1,820 in Scholastic dollars after
 - Cash profit \$850 after fees/charges
 - Suggestion to have a parent night as well as a parent breakfast to open book fair opportunities for families to attend
- Goal is to encourage reading
 - Not charging fines
 - Adding in student reviews on books
- Increase community support
- Implementing reading contests among teachers

VI. Principals Report

- A. District is replacing all marquee signs with digital signs
- B. Marketing/branding revamp of gym
- C. Veterans Day – signs around school created by students, teachers
 - 1. Breakfast in MLC on 11/11/22
- D. Bingo Friday
 - 1. In need of prizes for kids
 - 2. Supplied with 9 bingo cards per student

VII. Adjournment

- First Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:40 am was made by Bridget Bryson. Motion seconded by Christina Westerfield.

Meeting minutes compiled by Kristy Ortego, LSC Secretary