

Attendees - Voting Members

James Armour
Christina Westerfield
Kristy Ortego
Joyce Simmons
Jen Schuster
Quan Sasaki
Jeanna Black
Catherine Black

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal
Dan Grass – Assistant Administrator

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by James Armour at 7:50am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Catherine Black. Second motion was made by Joyce Simmons. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from November 8, 2023
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Catherine Black. Second motion was made by Joyce Simmons. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - I. Transition Timelines for rising 6th and 9th grade students
 1. Timelines are similar for both 6th and 9th grade transitions
 2. Rising 6th graders
 - a) Ambassadors will be sent to feeder elementary schools
 - II. Dual Language Immersion Program
 1. Begins next year for rising 6th graders
 2. Approx 40 students coming from Brandywine entering immersion program
 - a) Connection classes offered
 3. Students will have Spanish 3 completed by 8th grade
 - a) By sophomore year, students will have opportunity to complete Spanish literature
 - III. CCRPI Update – Georgia DOE website
 1. Updated reports have been released by state
 2. DeSana received 100% in closing gaps

- a) District scored 50% and State scored 52.5%
- b) Students made improvement in achievement rates
- c) Goal is a 3% improvement rate each year
- d) Data is collected from milestone scores

VI. Principals Report

- 1. Hiring season
 - a) Needing to fill 2 staff positions for next school year
 - b) Area around future hockey arena is zoned to DeSana
- 2. Cyber Safety Night -
 - a) DeSana partnered with Forsyth County Sheriff
 - (1) Social media, online safety, cell phones
- 3. Dr. Bearden will be present next Thursday
 - a) How do we continue to understand where our students are coming from
 - (1) Culture
 - (2) Diversity
 - b) Highlight work DeSana is doing with students
 - c) Possibly connect through local diverse businesses within community
 - (1) Brandywine has local diverse restaurants cater school events for teachers
 - d) Teachers can give students survey at beginning of year to learn more about student situations that might not otherwise be known

VII. Sports Update

- I. Jen Schuster – Department chair for connections
 - 1. 2 basketball games left in season
 - a) Playoff seeds
 - (1) Currently – girls 7th grade is 7th seed, 8th grade is 6th seed, boys 7th and 8th grade currently in 7th seed
 - 2. Spring – February 12th
 - a) Golf and track tryouts begin

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn by Catherine Black, Second by Jen Schuster – 8:22 am

Meeting minutes compiled by Kristy Ortego, LSC Secretary