

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting
DATE: March 6, 2024
TIME: 7:45 am
DeSana Media Center & Live Microsoft Teams
625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004
Keith Sargent, Principal

Attendees - Voting Members

James Armour
Christina Westerfield
Kristy Ortego
Michelle West
Joyce Simmons
Jen Schuster
Quan Sasaki
Jeanna Black
Sarah Coates
Georgie Walters
Kyla Coram

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by James Armour at 7:49am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Christina Westerfield. Second motion was made by Jen Schuster. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from January 10, 2024
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Christina Westerfield. Second motion was made by Jen Schuster. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - I. DeSana Community Outreach - Food Pantry
 1. For both DeSana as well as Feeder Schools Community
 2. Food pantry for families – not only here for families education, but other needs as well
 - a) Items needed – not only food, but soap, detergent, feminine hygiene products, socks, underwear, etc.
 3. Would also like to collect personal hygiene items for students at home
 - a) Need to collect items to stock
 4. Opportunity for student clubs to participate in collection of items
 5. Families will remain anonymous.
 - II. Rising 6th & 8th Grade Transitions
 1. 5th Grade Transition to 6th Grade

- a) Transition begins in November/December with ambassador selection (30 students)
 - (1) Rely on teacher recommendations of students character and academics
 - b) January – Ambassador training for elementary school visits
 - (1) Brandywine, Midway, New Hope, and Big Creek
 - c) Elementary School Visits begin in March
 - d) Elementary Students begin tours of DeSana in May
 - e) Considerations – incorporate student athletes with pep rallies to give excitement along with music and arts
 - f) Possibly implementing coffee with counselors for parents of rising 6th graders in the Fall for next school year
2. 8th Grade Transition to 9th Grade
- a) Transition begins in September with “High School 101” Guidance lesson (YouScience program with high school Pathways)
 - b) October – College and Career Fair at Lanier Tech
 - (1) 10/10 - Coffee and conversations with counselors – parent meeting in café during school day
 - c) November – Out of district window open from 10/18 – 11/17
 - d) December – Denmark and Alliance Academy meet with 8th grade teachers for training on student recommendations
 - e) January – teacher recommendation Portal opens
 - f) February – Transition meeting with Middle School & High School case managers
 - (1) Denmark High School parent information meeting (In Person & Teams)
 - (2) Counselor available in hallway for class selection help prior to Portal opening for registration
 - g) March – Class Selection viewing window 3/1 – 3/6
 - (1) Possibly work with Denmark to allow DeSana students to go to Denmark rather than just Denmark students coming to DeSana
 - h) 8th Grade Celebration/End of Year Communication coming soon to parents
- III. Solar Eclipse Day Plan
- 1. Monday after Spring Break – Solar Eclipse
 - a) 80% rate of totality
 - (1) DeSana has purchased enough Solar Eclipse glasses for all students on campus
 - (a) 2:45 – 3:30 students will not be able to check out due to viewing the solar eclipse
 - (i) School will be closed during this time
- IV. HOSA State Leadership Conference – Michelle West
- 1. Healthcare Occupation Organization
 - a) \$50 membership fee

- b) For students who have an interest in working in the medical field in the future
 - (1) 120 students currently involved.
 - (2) SLC (State Leadership Conference)
 - (a) Students in Middle and High School from state of Georgia to compete.

VI. Principals Report

- I. Dr. Bearden visited in January
 - 1. Public video – Glevis connection with Coach Nash
 - II. Campus course pages – looking to create uniformity for all teacher pages in Canvas
 - 1. Views of parent experience with staff interactions
- VII. Adjournment
- I. Motion to Adjourn by Christina Westerfield, Second by Jen Schuster – 8:53am

Meeting minutes compiled by Kristy Ortego, LSC Secretary