

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting
DATE: May 8, 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
Juan Vivas
Jeanne Grossarth
Daisy Tremps
Catherine Black
Andrew Phelps
Joyce Simmons
Jen Schuster
Quan Sasaki
Jeanna Black

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal
Peyton Maddox – Assistant Principal

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by James Armour at 7:51am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Juan Vivas. Second motion was made by Christina Westerfield. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from March 6, 2024
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeanna Black. Second motion was made by Joyce Simmons. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - I. Milestone Updates
 1. CCRPI Data – school & district accountability of performance
 - a) Results show student individual progress as well as the progress of the school as a whole
 - b) Assess the data on both curriculum and teachers and use to determine how to proceed for the next school year
 - c) Measures effectiveness of curriculum
 - d) 95% participation required for each test and grade level
 - (1) Student attendance during testing is important

(2) DeSana has only had 6 student refusals to test this year which brings 99.7% participation for 6th and 8th grade and 100% participation for 7th grade

II. School Improvement Recommendations

1. Each year Board of Education requests areas of improvement for schools
2. Parent requests from DeSana for this year
 - a) Forsyth County Sheriff presence on James Road during dismissal
 - b) Audio system improvements in Gym
 - c) Outdoor classrooms, outdoor gathering stations
 - d) School bus safety measures –
 - (1) Bus monitor, specifically in the afternoons

III. Proposed 2024-2025 Meeting Dates

1. LSC requirement is to meet 4 times a year. DeSana is currently meeting five (5) times a year (every other month beginning in September)

IV. 8th Grade Activities

1. May 10th – 8th Grade Dance
 - a) \$10 ticket price per child
 - b) Early check out – streamlining process for early checkout with excused absence
2. May 20th - 8th Grade Field Trip
 - a) 1/3 of 8th graders are attending this year
 - b) Trip around Atlanta
 - (1) History of Atlanta
 - (2) Time - 8:30am – 6:00pm
3. May 21st – 8th grade picnic
 - a) Yearbooks will be distributed at this event
4. May 23rd – 9:30 – 8th Grade Walk
 - a) Early release day
 - b) Families line up in parking lot to create a tunnel for the students to walk through.
 - c) Students will be allowed to check out after – will use the wrist band system similar to the 8th grade dance check out.

V. Athletics Update

1. Spring Sports
 - a) Soccer
 - (1) Club sport at DeSana
 - (2) Co-ed team competed at Central High School both JV and Varsity
 - b) Golf
 - (1) DeSana's team has done well in competitions this season
 - c) Track
 - (1) Successful season this year
 - d) Football
 - (1) Spring training has begun.
 - (a) DeSana's field has been chosen to be re-sodded.

- e) Cross Country will be offered as a club sport beginning next year for 6th – 8th grades
- VI. Elections for Next Year
 - 1. Elections will be held August 2024
 - a) Chairperson, Secretary positions are both available
 - b) Two (2) DeSana faculty members positions available
- VI. Principals Report
 - I. Currently Planning Dragon Camp for rising 6th Graders
 - 1. Monday, July 29th
 - 2. Locker distribution available on Saturday prior for 6th graders
 - II. EMS helicopter landed on the football field at DeSana for fire emergency near by
 - III. Monday, May 6th – fire alarm alert during drop off due to malfunction in gym
- VII. Adjournment
 - I. Motion to Adjourn by Christina Westerfield, Second by Jen Schuster – 8:26am

Meeting minutes compiled by Kristy Ortego, LSC Secretary