

### **Attendees - Voting Members**

James Armour  
Christina Westerfield  
Kristy Ortego  
Joyce Simmons  
Jen Schuster  
Quan Sasaki  
Bridget Bryson  
Seema Dholakia  
Catherine Black

### **Attendees - Other**

Keith Sargent - Principal

- I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by James Armour at 7:57am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Approval of the Agenda  
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Bridget Bryson. Second motion was made by Christina Westerfield. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from September 13, 2023  
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Quan Sasaki. Second motion was made by Joyce Simmons. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
  - I. Student Support at DeSana Middle School – Seema Dholakia
    1. Teachers respect students and students respect in return
      - a) With respect, kids will strive to work harder
    2. Each student has the ability to overcome obstacles, but not expected to do it alone
      - a) DeSana wants to help support them – Let them know nothing is permanent.
      - b) MTSS – Multi Tiered Support System – Support Every Student
        - (1) Tier 1 – Majority of students
        - (2) Tier 2 – 10-25% - give students extra help
        - (3) Tier 3 – less than 10% - more intensive support to students
          - (a) Helps with needs as long as necessary, not always long term – Goal is to help student in less than 1 semester

- (b) Data driven
- (c) Attendance is the key to success
- (d) Purpose is to meet the needs of all students
- (e) Focus on positive student behaviors – create motivated and confident learners

- II. Out of District
  - 1. Request window is open until November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 2. Process to request is outlined on the DeSana Middle School website
- III. High School Pathway Nights
  - 1. Forsyth County Schools offer many career pathways
    - a) Pathway courses generally do not start until Sophomore year
    - b) Dr. Valery Lowe – primary point of contact
- IV. DeSana Cyber Safety Night – November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at DeSana Middle School
  - 1. Mr. Sargent met with parents with Coffee with the Principal
    - a) Working with Forsyth County Sheriff's Office to bring presentation to students –
    - b) Digital Citizenship meetings for students currently happening at DeSana

VI. Principals Report

- I. Athletic Updates from Jen Schuster – more interest from student population to try out for DeSana Middle sports
  - 1. Football games – 2-5 record
    - a) 43 tried out for football – 10 more than previous year
  - 2. Basketball
    - a) Girls & Boys teams had large turnout
      - (1) 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish speaking student – current student helping translate to English during practice and games
    - b) Cheerleading –
      - (1) Basketball – 2 squads with 15 on each squad
        - (a) Green squad and blue squad – one for each game

II. Food Pantry

- 1. Hosting for families for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 2. Pickup date for families is on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 11:00am

VII. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn by Joyce Simmons, Second by Bridget Bryson – 8:37 am

Meeting minutes compiled by Kristy Ortego, LSC Secretary