

DeSana Middle School LSC Meeting
DATE: September 12, 2024
TIME: 7:00 am
DeSana Flex Room
625 James Rd. Alpharetta, GA 30004
Keith Sargent, Principal

Attendees - Voting Members

Christina Westerfield
Cathy Black
Stephanie Mathis
Eileen Bundy
Quan Sasaki
Jeanna Black
Asra Mansoor
Tara McClelland

Attendees - Other

Keith Sargent - Principal
Molly Asp - Reading Teacher
Jen Weber - PTO President
Angela Dalton - PTO Treasurer

Dan Grass – Assistant Administrator
Mitch Young - SuperIntendent
Suzy Mayo

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Christina Westerfield at 7:00am
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Approval of the Agenda
First motion to approve the agenda was made by Cathy Black. Second motion was made by Stephanie Mathis. All members were in favor of approving the agenda.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from May 8, 2024
First motion to approve the minutes was made by Cathy Black. Second motion was made by Jenna Weber. All members were in favor of approving the minutes.
- V. New Business
 - I. School improvement plan is living evolving
 1. Forsyth county school district (FCS) sets goal areas, and Desana sets details under each as follows:
 - a) Social and Emotional Health FCS goal at Desana is starting PBIS (positive behavioral intervention and support)
 - (1) PBIS Coach interim is Elizabeth Hubbard
 - b) Climate, Culture, and Community FCS goal at Desana is through Connect and Thrive, parent involvement, staff retention, PTO membership, and many others
 - c) Learner experience (FCS) goal is driven by EOG data which is pending for this year and Desana plans to build from that data

2. Next LSC meeting is at Denmark @ 745a

II. Superintendent Mitch Young

1. 17 year in Forsyth schools, 3 months start as Superintendent

2. Today's goal is to listen to parent feedback of 2 starting questions::

a) What is really good at FCS or Desana?

(1) We meet students where they are. Provide opportunities for staff and students.

(2) Communications from school leaders, Mr Sargent

(3) Last week's event (about alleged weapons on campus) communications were managed timely and reassuringly. We are not social media.

b) What things can we improve?

(1) Michelle Dugan starting more video and auxiliary modes of engagement beyond broadcasting information (eg- safety, SAS)

(2) LSC and PTO members want to share responsibility in spreading good work and resources of Desana/FCS staff to larger parent communities and neighborhoods

3. SAS (student advocacy specialist) is notified if a student makes a threat and meets with the student regularly as mentor, friend to support growth out of it.

a) What are qualifications for SAS? None but lots of vetting

b) Who can refer a student? School counselors but anyone can refer a student who is self-harming or of high need

4. Strategic Plan Workshop upcoming in November with 1 LSC and 1 PTO

VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Cathy Black, Second by Stephanie Mathis – 7:26 am. Then Mitch Young visited us.

Meeting minutes compiled by Quan Sasaki, LSC Secretary