

## Masterman School Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 10/02/2012

1. Meeting opened at 4:50PM.
2. New Members were welcomed.
3. Marian Nasuti Gervasi volunteered to act as secretary.
4. Principal's Report
  - a. Ms. Neff reviewed the Parent Involvement plan an School/Parent Compact. Members reviewed and discussed it. Ms. Neff asked members to review it and see if any further changes need to be made specific to Masterman.
  - b. Ms. Neff reviewed the Budget. A 25% cut to the budget is needed; this is impact extracurricular activities budget. On 10/03, Ms. Neff will let teachers know what hours have been allotted for extracurricular activities. A letter will go out to parents stating what activities will be running for the 2012-2013 school year
  - c. School Police officer hours have been reduced from 5:45 pm until 4:00 pm.
  - d. Magazine Drive is an important source of funding. The amount of money over the years has decreased. A discussion proceeded on the best way to fund raise and how aggressive should Masterman in fundraising.
  - e. Ms. Neff reported that "Stepping Stones" will be working with Masterman to assist students in need through Middle School. The goal is to prepare more of these students for the High School and assist them through college. Six former Masterman students came back and reported that they were having difficulties with academics and finances.
  - f. Discussion proceeded as how to reach those families in Masterman who do not own computers or can not afford internet access. Comcast has an outreach program. Ms. Neff offered to contact a former Masterman parent who works at Comcast to see how they can assist as well.
  - g. Another call will go out to parents to alert then as to how to activate their Edline codes. More support needed to instruct parents how to navigate Edline. Support may be set up on Family Dinner night.
  - h. Coffee Club for fifth and sixth grade parents was a success.
5. School Council Meetings dates were set for the year: (all meetings to begin at 4:45)

October 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

November 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

December 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

January 15<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

February 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

March 19<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

April 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

April (pending meeting TBA to review Budget)

May 14<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

6. Anndee Hochman proposed a book club where members could review a portion of “How Children Succeed “ by Paul Tough. Members supported the idea, but expressed concern SAC meetings were not appropriate venue. Ms. Neff suggested contacting Angela Duckworth, at the University of PA. Her work involves “Grit” and we have a relationship with her because she did research at Masterman.
7. High School Report: Hannah Kearney (Hight School Council President)
  - a. Halloween Party will be held on 10/26 at Community College of Philadelphia
  - b. Canned Food Drive 11/05/2012 – 11/16/2012 – proceeds will go to a food bank.
  - c. Magazine Drive – collection will be on Thursday. It covers fees for trips (including students who cannot afford) and things that teachers need.
8. Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.