

# Masterman School Advisory Council

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October 16, 2012 4:50-6:15PM

## Attendees:

Marjorie Neff	III.B.1 (Principal)	
Louis Borda	III.B.2 (PFT Building Rep)	
Kim Neu	III.B.6 (Department Head)	
Angelina Williams	III.B.3 (HAS President)	(Not Present)
Rita Marazzo-Haines	III.B.7 (Non-Instructional Staff)	(Not Present)
Hannah Kearney	III.B.4 (HS SGA President)	
Scott Philips	III.B.4 (MS SGA President)	(Not Present)
Donna Amit	III.C.2 (Teacher)	(Not Present)
April Claytor	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Kathleen Dopkin	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Nicole Geiger	III.C.2 (Teacher)	(Not Present)
Carolyn Gray	III.C.2 (Teacher)	(Not Present)
Barbara Horowitz	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Jane Monaghan	III.C.2 (Teacher)	(Not Present)
Susan Stranix	III.C.2 (Teacher)	(Not Present)
Justin Weaver	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Sam Garst	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Marian Gervasi	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Maurice Hampton	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Eden Kainer	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Laura Richlin	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Mathew Whitehorn	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Anndee Hochman	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	
Jeanne Ortiz	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	
Eli Levy	Student	(Not Present)
Marylou Finch	Parent	
Clair McCusker	Parent	

1. Meeting called to order at 4:50PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of October 2nd meeting- minutes approved with corrections.

3. Middle School Accreditation

- Ms. Neff, Ms. Dopkin and Mr. Weaver attended Middle Schools accreditation meeting.
- Process should begin 16-18 months before the team visit and by six months following we should receive the report. As of now, we are behind. By next September, we are supposed to be re-accredited. We will ask for an extension aiming for spring 2014.
- Need to identify a planning team who consists of students, staff, parents, possibly community mentors, and theoretically someone from the district. Ms. Dopkin and Mr. Weaver are leading the

Committee. This is a substantial commitment lasting for 18 months. We need representatives from the staff (each department), and parents from School Council. We do not need the entire school council.

- The Liaison from Middle States will meet with us to establish a self-study protocol. Looking at either "Excellence by Design" OR "Accreditation by Growth".
- If interested, send an email to Mr. Weaver, (jwweaver@philasd.org), or Ms. Dopkin (kdopkin@philasd.org), by the end of next week (11/30/2012) – Please include phone number
- The first meeting of the steering committee on December 12 at 4:00.

#### **4. High School Report**

- Canned food drive ends tomorrow. As of Friday we had a good amount but not as much as in the past.
- NHS still needs warm clothing for their drive.
- Sprit week planning begins soon.
- Talent Show will be in February.
- Senior Solstice will be Dec 21
- Language National Honors Society Inductions are tomorrow for French and Spanish.

#### **5. Middle School Report** - The Middle School President is Scott Phillips.

#### **6. Home and School** – No report from HAS; they are busy working on the auction.

#### **7. Dr. Ginsburg** – Spoke at Central on Monday 11/19/2012. He works at CHOP and the Covenant house and his focus is on Resilience.

- There was great feedback and discussion of how to implement this at Masterman.
- There was a proposal about a book club regarding his book either in real time or on-line.
- Ms. Hochman offered to write a synopsis on his lecture with information about the book club.
- Marty Moss-Coane did an interview with Dr. Ginsburg. It may be helpful for those who did not get an opportunity to see him

#### **8. Goals**

- Ms. Dopkins: Suggestions under Community Health – perhaps can implement these strategies Dr. Ginsburg spoke about.
- Ms. Dopkins summarized and edited the Goals. She will further will compile and group goals so we can vote. Sam will take the poll. She also suggested selecting only one or two goals, because we already have Middle States and Budget.
- Ms. Hochman suggested that we need to really think about if we really have the energy to tackle a goal when we vote on them.

#### **9. Stepping Stones**

- Ms. Neff had her first meeting with Stepping Stones. They can add more students from Masterman – We are collecting data on how successful Stepping Stones and Masterman have been in transitioning Masterman kids from high poverty areas from MS to HS. Ms. Neff will share dates of the meeting. Ms. Neff invited parents to this meeting and feels that this will be worthwhile.
- Discussion ensued on how college students can assist. Issues include –clearances and accountability. Teaching interns were discussed as a possibility.

#### **10. Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.**