

# Masterman School Advisory Council

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December 18, 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)	
Rita Marazzo-Haines	III.B.7 (Non-Instructional Staff)	(Not Present)
Hannah Kearney	III.B.4 (HS SGA President)	(Not Present)
Scott Philips	III.B.4 (MS SGA President)	
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)	(Not Present)
Jane Monaghan	III.C.2 (Teacher)	(Not Present)
Susan Stranix	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Justin Weaver	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Sam Garst	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Marian Gervasi	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Maurice Hampton	III.C.1 (Parent)	(Not Present)
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	
Marylou Finch	Parent	
Clair McCusker	Parent	(Not Present)

- 1) Meeting called to order at 4:50PM.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of November 20th meeting- minutes approved with corrections.
- 3) Principal's Report
  - a) J.R. Masterman invited to apply for Blue Ribbon School again.
  - b) Safety Concerns (in regards to Sandy Hook)
    - i) 5th and 6th graders will not come in from the patio anymore; patio doors will ONLY open from the inside. When security not able to stay after school – all doors should be locked.
    - ii) Ms. Neff will talk to School district for funding for more security.
    - iii) Only have one door open after 8:31 so people cannot walk in unannounced (student suggestion)
    - iv) Cameras and intercom on 17<sup>th</sup> street entrance (student suggestion)
    - v) Teachers should have keys to their classroom in order to lockdown. Ms. Neff will talk to the district about a Master Key.
    - vi) Alternatively, install a catch at top of door that locks from the inside (Ms. Dopkins<sup>1</sup> suggestion)
    - vii) ID's for everyone – even temporary ID's for visitors. There is a need to be more diligent about wearing temporary badges for parents/ substitute and student teachers.

- viii) Ms. Neff needs to find out what the district expects school to do in the case of sporting events, as the school only has one police officer.
  - ix) After school pick up is a concern; hard to lock doors when parents need to pick up their children. We may need to have pickup outside only, no parents inside building.
- 4) Middle States Accreditation *Sustaining Excellence*
- a) Mr. Weaver met with representatives from Middle States; Masterman is leaning towards ~~Excellence~~ *Excellence by Design*;
  - b) Two parents have committed to serving on committee.
- 5) High School Report
- a) Not doing annual ice skating party due to funding issues (not profitable the past few years)
  - b) Spirit Week will be after Winter Break
  - c) Talent ~~School: Feb 28~~ *Show*
  - d) Winter Solstice (Seniors): Dec 21
- 6) Middle School
- a) Not doing Toys for Tots this year
  - b) Spirit Week immediately following Winter Break
  - c) Working on two dances – (there is a date for the Red and White dance but not the Green dance)
  - d) Doing Pennies for Leukemia
  - e) Selling Pretzels in Ms. Thompson Room (208)
  - f) Talent show in April (no date as of yet)
- 7) Home and School Association
- a) Next Meeting in January
  - b) Auction: March 16
  - c) Membership less than 400 members; still pushing for increased membership
- 8) SAC Goals
- a) Results from the survey on SAC Goals for 2012-13: Outreach to underserved/ eligible students – 9, Comprehensive community health – 8.
  - b) Regarding Outreach: Ms. Claytor discussed with students (African American club and Asian club) how High School students can support Middle School students- i.e. tutor, monitor perhaps in class or after school
  - c) Stepping Stones: brought data as to where their *School* students are now (i.e. where they went to HS and where they are at college). They are trying to figure out how to support the students they have at Masterman as well as a how to support Masterman work with these students.
  - d) Discussion followed regarding how ~~Student~~ *School* Advisory Council's goals fit with Stepping Stones; suggestion was to have Stepping Stones speak to ~~Student~~ *School* Advisory Council
  - e) Discussion about how to recruit students from underserved families (typically schools do not want to lose their brightest students). Alternative selection process- rank kids within zipcodes, to intentionally recruit from specific neighborhoods without lowering standards. Goal for Masterman might be to represent the entire city.
  - f) Discussion on how to support students. Post tutoring schedule/resources on Edline, and where to go for assistance. Have a High School MG course write a Middle School survivor's guide.
  - g) Suggestion: work on "What does it mean to Fully Autonomous" (or thinly managed) – may be more aligned to mission of the Student Advisory Council.
  - h) Next Meeting: Discuss Comprehensive Community Health goal and attracting underserved students; try to commit with concrete ideas to further those goals.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.