

Masterman School Advisory Council

January 15, 2013, 4:55-6:05PM

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)	(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)	
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)	(Not Present)
Sam Garst	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Marian Gervasi	III.C.1 (Parent)	(Not Present)
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)	(Not Present)
Eli Levy	Student	
Marylou Finch	Parent	
Clair McCusker	Parent	(Not Present)
Alex Kwok	Student	
Donna Aragon	Parent	
Marjorie Brunner	Teacher	

- 1) Meeting called to order at 4:55PM.
- 2) Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2012 meeting- with corrections.
- 3) Discussion of SAC goals, and desire to get to specific/actionable goals.
 - a) Community health
 - i) Ms. Hochman described community health as broadly encompassing students, staff and parents, and more than just stress around grades/homework.
 - ii) Several surveys touching on community health proposed as a part of Middle States Accreditation process. Mr. Levy (student council) proposes a survey for student body specifically. Ms. Dopkin concerned around too many surveys lowering response rates.
 - iii) Ms. Dopkin mentioned a program this spring around a play, "Addiction", that deals broadly with stress, not just drugs/alcohol.
 - iv) Ms. Claytor raised the issue of mental health, and whether kids acknowledge depression as 'real'. Mr. Hampton suggests possibly addressing this through curriculum.
 - b) Support for underserved/underprivileged children

- i) Ms. Neff is interested in making sure we can extend support beyond just the 35 kids enrolled in the Stepping Stones program. Masterman may planning money from Philadelphia School Partnership, specifically to help close achievement gap and attract/support minority students.
 - ii) Ms. Neff discussed an on-site mentoring program at Masterman. Also, we may want to look at support for parents, who may always be aware of ways to navigate school district, or college application process.
 - iii) Ms. Neff mentioned several 5th grade applications from kids with poor attendance/lateness, from under represented schools. She suggested reaching out to councilors/teachers of those schools, and educate them on importance of attendance/tardiness. She will call the principals, and generate a list of the schools; several parents volunteered to go visit the schools [Mr. Hampton, Ms. Finch, Ms. Dopkin, Ms. Hochman, Ms. Richlin, Ms. Kainer, Mr. Garst]
 - c) General consensus that SAC goals will be primarily driven by Middle States Accreditation and Stepping Stones initiatives. Specific, additional goals may be raised in support of these activities.
- 4) Principal's Report
- a) Security update: Masterman is going to get a video camera on the 17th street door; still no one in the building after 4:30 to monitor. Still no resolution at start of school day. Children returning from sports events are buzzing, and custodian is letting them in. Finally, School District may give permission to give teachers master keys, in order to lock down individual classrooms; SDP is coming for a security walk through on Monday. No scanning of middle school students, but have implemented badges for guest teachers, MG mentors, and all parents will be required to wear visitor badges.
- 5) Middle School Report
- a) 7 & 8th grade dance in less than a month. May attempt a food drive in February. Also planning pretzel sales and Compliment day to raise money. Also researching ice skating day later this year.
- 6) High School Report
- a) Talent show is February 1st. Spirit Week is March 18-22nd.
- 7) Middle States Accreditation
- a) Likely going to use "Action Research" self-assessment protocol, and focus on resiliency.
- 8) Home and School Association
- a) Next HSA meeting is this Thursday, January 17 at 7PM. Also, request for volunteers to stuff envelopes in support of the auction- January 22nd at 6:30PM.
- 9) Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.