

# Masterman School Advisory Council

May 14, 2013

## Attendees:

Marjorie Neff	III.B.1 (Principal)	
Louis Borda	III.B.2 (PFT Building Rep)	
Kim Neu	III.B.6 (Department Head)	(Not Present)
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)	(Not Present)
Donna Amit	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
April Claytor	III.C.2 (Teacher)	(Not Present)
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)	
Maurice Hampton	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Eden Kainer	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Laura Richlin	III.C.1 (Parent)	(Not Present)
Mathew Whitehorn	III.C.1 (Parent)	(Not Present)
Anndee Hochman	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	(Not Present)
Jeanne Ortiz	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	(Not Present)
Eli Levy	Student	
Marylou Finch	Parent	
Donna Aragon	Parent	
Alex Kwok	Student	

1. Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM.
2. Ms. Dopkin moved to approve the minutes of April 30, 2013 meeting, Ms. Kainer seconded.
3. Update on budget advocacy
  - a. There was an extensive discussion on advocacy for Philadelphia public school budget, and what the Masterman SAC could do. A general consensus was reached, to set up meetings with a few City Councilmen and express our concerns directly. Ms. Kainer volunteered to contact various City Councilmen and try to arrange meetings. Mr. Hampton urged us to think of alternative strategies in case we can not arrange meetings. After considerable discussion, we agreed to try and set up meetings with Darrell L. Clarke, Blondell Reynolds Brown, Bill Green, Kenyatta Johnson, Cindy Bass and Bobby Henon. Mr. Garst will communicate to SAC and drum up interest. The intention is to “share our story”, and in particular express how cuts are going to affect Masterman students.
  - b. Multiple parents discussed other political strategies- should Masterman SAC attempt to contact or influence any State politicians, or other politically connected people.

- c. High school students are participating in and helping to organize “Silent Student Movement”, with several other high schools.
  - d. Friday many high school students are marching to City Hall as a part of a large student initiated protest. Ms. Neff indicated that students must get notes from parents, else they will face the same repercussions as any student cutting/skipping classes.
4. Principal’s Report on the Budget
- a. Ms. Neff displayed a report that listed each school’s budget for 2013-14. This may be of interest specifically to compare different school’s budgets and gauge the relative impact. Masterman’s school code is 2140 (page 89). Note that some school’s budgets are increasing, dramatically, as a result of receiving many new students as a part of the school closings.

**<http://webgui.phila.k12.pa.us/root/home/leadership/budget-website/>**

5. High School Report
- a. Mr. Levy reported that high school students have finished AP testing.
  - b. High school student government is running elections.
  - c. June 3-7th is the annual dodgeball tournament.
  - d. The high school student body is sprucing up the 17th street entrance, including a new light and painting the walls.
  - e. Junior prom is Friday, May 17th. Senior prom is Thursday, May 30th.
  - f. Finals (for underclass) are June 5th, 6th and 7th.
6. Middle School Report (Mr. Garst read a brief update from Mr. Phillips)
- a. The Middle School SGA is still planning spirit week.
  - b. Middle School SGA is holding elections.
7. HSA Report
- a. Mr. Garst noted that the HSA is leading a range of activities related to the budget, including fund raising and letter writing campaign. Mr. Garst noted that the HSA, as a non profit, is barred from explicit political activity and is looking to the SAC to lead this.
8. Stepping Stones
- a. Ms. Neff provided a brief update on Stepping Stones, noting that they have committed to supporting Masterman next year. They may develop a satellite program, to be run here at Masterman.
9. Next meeting
- a. We do not have a meeting scheduled for June. Ms. Dopkin suggested meeting on June 11th, and Ms. Neff suggested meeting outside Masterman.
  - b. Ms. Dopkin explicitly thanked the SAC members that are completing their terms this year.
10. Meeting adjourned 6:10 PM.