

Masterman School Advisory Council

September 17, 2013, 5:00- 6:15 PM

Attendees:

Marjorie Neff	III.B.1 (Principal)	
Louis Borda	III.B.2 (PFT Building Rep)	
Tara Hayden	III.B.3 (HSA Representative)	
Alex Kwok	III.B.4 (HS SGA Representative)	
	III.B.4 (MS SGA Representative)	Not present
Kim Neu	III.B.6 (Department Head)	Not present
	III.B.7 (Non-Instructional Staff)	Not present
April Claytor	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Carolyn Gray	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Donna Amit	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Jane Monaghan	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Justin Weaver	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Kathleen Dopkin	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Nicole Geiger	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Susan Stranix	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Andrea Appel	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Eden Kainer	III.C.1 (Parent)	Not present
Marian Gervasi	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Mathew Whitehorn	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Meg Wise	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Sam Garst	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Anndee Hochman	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	
Bridget McFadden	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	
Jeanne Ortiz	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	
Yvonne Lee Clayton	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	

- 1) Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM.
- 2) Welcome new members, introduction of SAC responsibilities.
- 3) Principal's report
 - a) We reviewed the parent involvement policy, which is given by the district. The district really does not allow us to change it. Ms. Neff will send us a copy.
 - b) Dr. Hite came to visit today. Ms. Neff wanted to send the message that the newspaper article was meant for all of the schools, not just Masterman and Central.
 - c) Masterman does not have oversized classes but Central and other schools do. They are hoping more teachers get deployed throughout the district. According to their formula we should get another teacher but we probably will not.
 - d) Ms. Neff had been spending a lot of time handling money i.e. agenda's trips, PSAT, etc. – she could really use someone to assist.

- e) Home and School Association and parent volunteers have managed supplies.
 - f) Staff morale seems to be okay, but Ms. Neff is not sure how long they can sustain this. She feels we are barebones – if anyone is absent for any reason things may fall apart. Volunteers may not always been there.
 - g) Middle States is ongoing. Ms. Dopkin and Mr. Weaver are on the Middle States committee. Masterman is looking at resilience. Masterman is still working with Angela Duckworth to develop a plan. Ms. Dopkin said we have one year to do research and one year to implement. We will then share our findings with other schools
 - h) Ms. Neff had a meeting with a representative with Stepping Stones in the summer.
 - i) All of the High School kids passed the Keystone Exams. All 7th graders passed algebra, almost all 8th graders passed. PSSA's look good except many students are only Proficient in writing.
- 4) Meeting schedule. There may be additional meetings to work on the budget.
- October 15
 - November 19
 - December 17
 - January 21
 - February 18
 - March 18
 - April 8
 - May 20
 - June 10
- 5) High School Report
- a) Secretary of high school will be elected this Friday.
 - b) High School is planning a Halloween dance. They are trying to get more sales with Home and School Association to raise money. The dance will be held in the gym.
- 6) Valedictorian Selection – Because the senior class is not ranked there needs to be a decision as to how to select a valedictorian. Ms. Dopkin will take it to the scholarship committee, and then will present it to for input.
- 7) Home and School Association
- a) HSA continues to work to support the school and teachers where they could. There will be a membership table at Back to School night.
- 8) Sam requested an election for a chairperson or co-chairperson. The job entails coordinating and running meetings. Parent members will nominate themselves, and we'll vote at the next meeting.
- 9) Discussed ensued regarding the new principal for next year. Ms. Neff suggested that parents be proactive in choosing the principal of their choice for the next school year. She also suggested that parents might want to look outside of the district. Central apparently took the lead in getting their new principal and it might be worthwhile to see how they did it. Ms. Neff reported that she would still be involved with Middle States and Stepping Stones after retirement.
- 10) Meeting adjourned 6:00 PM