

## Masterman School Advisory Council - March 18th, 2014

Marjorie Neff	III.B.1 (Principal)	
Louis Borda	III.B.2 (PFT Building Rep)	Not present
Tara Hayden	III. B.3 (HSA Representative)	Not present
Eli Levy	III. B.4 (HS SGA President)	Not present
Jessica Celli	III. B.4 (MS SGA President)	
Ranim Albarkawi	III. B.4 (MS SGA Secretary)	Not present
Kim Neu	III.B.6 (Department Head)	
Bernadette Kearney	III.B.7 (Teacher)	
April Claytor	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Carolyn Gray	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Michael Neights	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Kathleen Dopkin	III.C.2 (Teacher)	
Nicole Geiger	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Jane Monaghan	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Todd O'Neill	III.C.2 (Teacher)	Not present
Andrea Appel	III.C.2 (Parent)	
Eden Kainer	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Marian Gervasi	III.C.1 (Parent)	
Matthew 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)	Not present
Yvonne Lee Clayton	III.C.1 (Parent Alternate)	

1. Meeting opened 4:40 PM.
2. Minutes from February 18 meeting approved, with minor corrections.
3. Principal Report
  - a. Ms. Neff alerted SAC that she should receive 2014-15 budget soon; we are likely to need to meet to review budget and plan prior to our next meeting. At best, the budget will be about the same as this years, but would not include donations and fundraising (which paid for additional secretary, librarian and other things). Ms. Neff strongly encouraged Philadelphians to call city council to advocate for allocating sales tax funds to school system (as opposed to pension crisis). Parent Susan Gobreski working on providing talking points – things we can use when we approach council people.
  - b. PSSA testing starts Monday.
  - c. Facility update. The ceiling still leaking, SDP Facilities are working on getting the repair scheduled. One elevator is still broken, awaiting a part. There was no heat today. One parent asked about the security system and camera on the front door; that camera is only useful if is available in the office to monitor and buzz people in. There are a number of security cameras in the school, but no cameras outdoors.
4. Middle school report
  - a. Spirit Week is to be held the last week in June and the first week in May
  - b. Elections: President has to be a current 7<sup>th</sup> grader; vice-president has to be a current 6<sup>th</sup> grader.
  - c. Bake sale for autism was successful

5. Auction – Please purchase tickets!
6. Middle States Accreditation Update
  - a. We can not apply for the site visit until next year. We may need money to complete surveys which need to be done by the end of this year (SurveyMonkey cost is \$750 for the platinum, or \$300).
  - b. Masterman is currently accredited; however our re accreditation we were actually waived two years because of district funding. The application has been submitted. Ms. Neff feels that Middle States is beneficial to Masterman because it is something colleges like to see.
7. Principal Selection Update
  - a. School District has posted an ad, and is promoting the position. SDP is searching for 25 principals this year. Masterman ad is going out to other sites, and it is already on PA REAP. 83 people have applied, there should be more applicants in the next few weeks. The steering committee will follow up to see if the ad has made it to all the places it was supposed to have been sent.
  - b. The School District will conduct initial phone screen, as verify basic requirements.
  - c. The steering committee met with faculty, parents and students to see what is most important in the new principal. Next, an online survey will also go out for those who have not had the opportunity to contribute.
  - d. Next Meeting is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. If we need a meeting to discuss the budget, we will try to schedule for a Tuesday evening.
8. Meeting adjourned 5:45