

MEETING MINUTES
OF THE MASTERMAN SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
APRIL 18, 2017

Call to Order

A SAC meeting was held on April 19, 2017 at J. R. Masterman school library. It began at 4:45pm and was presided over by Andrea Appel.

Attendees

Jessica Brown, Louis Borda, Alfredo Pratico, Malcolm Margasak, Kim Neu, Joanne Donahue, Nicole Geiger, Carolyn Gray, Charles Hayden, Theresa Hannigan, Rayshawn Johnson, Marc Meola, Karen Yvette Simmons, Maria Kim Yuen, Judith Mester, Stephanie Scott, and Michelle Harrison

Members not in attendance included LaToya Hackney, Reza Ghohestani, Solomon Jones, Holly Lentz Kleeman, and Danielle Schuller

Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, March 21, 2017, was made with a correction.

Reports

Jessica Brown presented the following Principal's Report:

- Report Card Conferences will occur on April 20, 2017 and April 21, 2017 from 1:00 - 3:00pm. During the 2017 - 18 school year, there will be three conference days instead of two to accommodate those families wishing to see multiple teachers. (Grade 5).
- PSSA Math testing will begin on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Science testing will occur during the following week.
- Rayshawn Johnson, senior, was featured in *The Inquirer* newspaper. The article chronicled Rayshawn's visits to colleges and universities. He received 8 acceptances of which his family is proud.
- Most colleges acceptances have been received. However, all acceptances shall be received by May. Even schools with prestigious programs such as the Huntsman at the University of Pennsylvania have notified their recipients. The graduation program lists students and their college or university.
- Accolades
 - Robotics Team to go to World's to compete
 - Odyssey of the Mind Team will compete at World's
 - Two participants will be among those at both States Choir and Orchestra
- The Junior Prom is at the Ethical Society on April 21, 2017
- The reconstruction of the second science lab is underway. The renovation is scheduled for completion by the end of the school year. Fund raising for corporate sponsorships continue to be sought after for the science program.
- The second workday of the school year will occur on Saturday, April 29, 2017 for the beautification of Masterman.

Middle School

Malcolm Margasak presented the following:

- Middle School elections will occur on May 19, 2017.
- Planning to the Middle School Carnival is underway.
- Graduation will be held at the Philadelphia Community College. Each graduate receives 4 tickets.

High School

Alfredo Pratico presented the following:

- Sop Hop is April 21, 2017
- Finals and AP exams will occur in approximately 3 weeks

- Keystone exams are scheduled for May 15 - 26, 2017
- There is a request to consider Wi-Fi for High School Students
 - Miss Brown indicated that there would be an issue around monitoring use. Masterman follows the School District of Philadelphia's **Acceptable Use Policy** for both laptop and computer use.

Auction Report - Judith Mester

- \$110,000 was raised. The online auction is underway. There are many items from which to choose.
- Slate of officers will be presented tonight, with the election scheduled for May.
- HSA is seeking new board members and teacher liaisons to work on committees.
- Staff luncheon is May 26, 2017.
- Laps for Education will occur in June.
- Beautification Day is April 29, 2017

- There were no reports from the following committees:
 1. Roof
 2. Alumni
 3. Diversity
 4. Wellness

Remarks

- There is some concern around SAC members not attending meetings. The bylaws indicate that if one misses 3 meetings, service is terminated.
- SAC should be concerned about the attendance of its members. There was support for following the bylaws and calling absent members to determine their wish to continue to serve. A member will be designated to do this work.
- Another concern was that the profession of a potential member should not be included on the information distributed. There were members who believed the inclusion of the profession did not hamper the voting process.

Adjournment

Andrea Appel made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded.

Carolyn E. Gray

April 21, 2017