

Masterman School Advisory Council
DRAFT Minutes from November 14, 2017

Present: Present: Jessica Brown (Principal), Christopher Taranta (Teacher), Kim Neu (Teacher), Louis Borda (Teacher), Carolyn Gray (Teacher), Joanne Donahue (Teacher), April Gamache (HSA Rep, Parent), Alfredo Praticò (HS SGA Delegate), Darlene Leohansson (MS SGA Delegate), Theresa Hannigan (Parent), Marc Meola (SAC Secretary, Parent), Karen Yvette Simmons (Parent), Maria Kim Yuen (SAC Organizer, Parent), Alison McDowell (Parent), Brian Peterson (Parent), Judy Shelton (Parent), Laura Keane (Parent), Andrea Appel (SAC Facilitator, Parent)

Guests: Stephanie Scott, Cameron Scott

Absent: Michelle Harrison, Rayshawn Johnson Sr., Danielle Schuller, Charles Barrett Adams, Leslie Patterson-Tyler

Corrections to Minutes of Oct 17, 2017: Alfredo was representing for middle school government not for Malcolm. Minutes approved with this correction.

1. High School Report - Alfredo Pratico

College and early action due Nov 1 hear back 2nd week of December.

Student government is having a Thanksgiving potluck, Nov 21, 12-1. Rsvp and bring something.

The school store will be open first week of December. Logo items will be available. Working with HSA to design new logo apparel. Maria Kim Yuen requested more Masterman mom apparel.

Wifi for students will now be available with Philadelphia school district id and password. Bring your own device policy. Advisors handed out a survey to students, where will the data go? Ms. Brown will look into it. She believes that Dr Hite sent the survey to the school and that it goes throughout the district. Dr. Hite picks the schools through 11th grade. It is a national survey through possibly “my college options.” It is a college and career ready survey that takes statistics from the schools and they compile it for data. Concern was students getting spammed as from the PSAT or SAT. Student choice over what they give out. It should be optional.

2. Principal report - Ms. Brown

There was a mock election for District Attorney, candidates Larry Krasner and Beth Grossman were at the school. Students were amazing. The voting happened the following Monday and Beth Grossman won. AP Government organized it but the whole school gets involved in participating.

School selection process closed Monday at 5:00. There was outreach to a few more schools. Counselors took trips to Sheridan, Moffett, Feltonville. This is something we will hopefully build on for next year. Notices will go out in February.

Musical. A new director, Devon Sinclair, has been hired; musicals are his forte. The musical will be Oliver Twist. Auditions are coming up soon.

Report card conferences. Sign up genius are up. Monday 5th and 6th grade 1-3 and 7th through 12th is a regular day. Monday night 5-7, Tues, 12:30-2:30, 3-5. Wednesday everyone is dismissed at noon.

Boys soccer team is playing in the semifinals. We’ve never reached this level. If win they will be at Hershey Saturday and it’s a televised game. Cheesecakes are still available, there are forms.

Tomorrow 8:30 coffee with any parents. No agenda. 8:30-9:30 faculty lounge on 4th floor .

Dec 7 International Dinner – Speakers from Temple, Elana Kagan and Mark Knepley will be addressing anxiety in children. Free event, sign up to bring something.

Clearance – Ms. Brown checked but no answer. We did our due diligence.

Q. School selection process. A. we go through applications from now until January. We have a certain

amount of seats. We have a set of criteria. Counselors, teachers are part of it. 3,000-4,000 applications that come in. Most applications are 5th grade, then 6th grade. The amount for high school is less than middle school. School fairs – Masterman is at the high school fair. Do you use students to help recruit. There's not a lot of it because of the limitations of time.

3. Middle School Report - Darlene Leohansson is the new middle school SGA delegate.

Door decorating contest was wrapped up and judged.

Fundraisers –a canned food drive, trick or treat for Unicef, project home is collecting winter clothes. Pennies for pasta.

A spirit week committee for middle school has been formed.

5th and 6th grade dance committees are being planned.

4. HSA - April Gamache

Beautification day. Rooftop fundraiser. Communication is a common theme with SAC and HSA. HSA is putting together a newsletter and SAC can contribute to it. If you don't get newsletter. Send newsletter to parent networks or ask them if they are getting it. If anyone doesn't have an edline account, tell parents to connect. Student directories are coming out December/January. Emails have been going out.

5. **Need for clearance** was covered in principals' report.

6. Goals and Committees for this school year.

A wide ranging discussion ensued as to how to move forward.

It was decided:

Transparency and Communications: Put these two areas together.

Diversity: Karen Simmons volunteered to lead a group on diversity.

Topics include: 1. definition and data, 2. recruitment and retention and thoughtful outreach and 3. education and conversation.

Alumni: Lou Borda and Mr. Johnson will lead on Middle and High School Alumni.

Anxiety/Wellness: Speakers from Temple will be at Dec 7th dinner.

Judy Shelton, Theresa Hannigan, the high school and middle school reps and the school counselors will meet to begin collecting information about student anxiety.

We will create a Google folder/doc.

Ms. Brown will bring statistics on diversity as to representation.

Naviance. Seems random. – subtopic. Refer to HSA academic subcommittee. Presentation for parents on uses of Naviance.

Next meeting will be **Dec 19th**.

Submitted, Marc Meola, Secretary