

Masterman School Advisory Council

December SAC Meeting Minutes 12.17.19

- **Call to order.**
- **November minutes approved with amendments.**
- **Showcase Presentation—Ms. Kearney**
 - English enrichment for all 7th graders aka research and library skills. This curriculum highlights the “Big Six” and uses “Power Library,” a resource of the Free Library.
 - A teaching objective is to distinguish fact vs. fiction. Students evaluate websites based on criteria of authority, accuracy, currency, coverage and objectivity.
 - Ms. Gray gives author information and bios to start getting her 5th grade students to think about source and credibility.
 - Ms. Donahue requires her 5th graders to use a print source when doing research.
- **Updates from Principal Brown**
 - Winter enrichment for high school is being coordinated by Cody Swan. One group is using the Maker Space to learn Adobe Cloud.
 - Cody Swan is also coordinating Senior Projects. Parents are needed to volunteer as mentors if they can sponsor a student intern. A committee will also need to evaluate Senior Project proposals in February and evaluate senior presentations in June.
 - Contact: dellaz@verizon.net
 - Ms. Brown and HSA will work to get communication out to parents about volunteer opportunities.
 - Facilities—Paul Bonewicz did walk through with FAC manager, Principal and Assistant Principals. One thing that came up was that there are pipes that are insulated with asbestos that will eventually need to be replaced, but they do not present an imminent hazard. At present, these pipes should not be disturbed. The administration is also working on addressing other issues.
 - A question was raised about the attendance at SAC meetings and if there are by-laws about attendance and maintenance of standing for elected members.
 - Suggestion: SAC facilitator could send an email to members who have missed meetings to encourage attendance.
 - For elected members, there is an expectation that the member will try to attend.
 - A simple majority is needed for quorum.
- **Sub-Committees**
 - **Student Health and Wellness** - Anne Pomerantz, chair
 - Met Tuesday 11/26/19.
 - HSA Academic Affairs sub-committee also met with Ms. Brown. They need a speaker for February date. One suggestion is Dr. Bidi McSorely (pediatrician with mindfulness training).
 - **Facilities/Security** - Brian Levanthal, chair. Principal Brown reported out.
 - **Teaching and Learning** – Joanne Donahue, chair
 - Need to reconvene in 2020: Liza, Sharat, Ms. Gray are interested in participating.
 - **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** - Principal Brown, chair
 - **Budget & By Laws**—not currently active
 - **Student Government** – Thanos reported out.

- Middle school: pretzel sale. Starting to plan 7th grade and 8th grade dances, 5th & 6th grade carnivals.
- Suggestion made to have student representative report out first so he can go home earlier.
- **Meeting adjourned at 5:53.**
- **Next meeting will be on January 21.**
- **Attendance list**

Parents/Family	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Andrea Appel	A
Maria Beatty	A
Mark Bowerman	A
Barbara Dallao	P
Jeanette Dumas	P
Kimberly Erdman	P
Liza Herzog	P
Brian Leventhal	A
Maggie Li	P
Jane Lim	A
Alison McDowell	A
Marc Meola	A
Leslie Patterson-Tyler	A
Anne Pomerantz	A
Meena Ramakrishnan	P
Judy Shelton	P
Maria Kim Yuen	P
Total	8/17

School Staff	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Jessica Brown, Principal	P
Lou Borda, Teacher	P
Tonya Broussard, Asst. Principal	P

Joanne Donahue, Teacher	P
Carolyn Gray, Teacher	P
Michelle Harrison, Asst. Principal	P
Elana Solomon, Teacher	A
Nichole Geiger, Teacher	A
Total	6/8

Students and Community Members	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Athanasios Mondlak (middle school)	P
Cody Swan (VISTA)	P
Total	2/2
Guests – Bernadette Kearney	
Quorum	
Total	16 /27