

Masterman School Advisory Council

January SAC Meeting Minutes 1.21.20

- **Call to order.**
- **Winter Title I Meeting—Budget Overview**
 - Ms. Brown presented current budget overview for school year 2019-2020. The new budget will be available in March 2020 for the next academic year. The school budget is available online.
 - The current Masterman school budget is just over \$7M, which is comprised of basic operating expenses, special education funds, and Title 1 funds (a federally appropriated grant based on socioeconomic factors, about 1% of total budget).
 - 54 teachers purchased out of operating budget, 3 counselors, school administrators + clerical positions
 - Books = \$30,000
 - Tech support, AVISTA personnel = \$34,000
 - Extracurricular support = \$75,000
 - Title 1 funds pays for 1 teacher, 1 counselor; about \$125,000.
- **School Plan- based on SDP measures and three categories:**
 - PSSA
 - Masterman: 98% of students are at least proficient in Math, 99% in English, which is far above the SDP benchmark.
 - Professional development opportunities—i.e. Math Coach (Ms. Siu)
 - Career and college readiness
 - College prep and application support, college fair
 - Look at 9th grade specifically as a transition year
 - Writing Center
 - Achieve 3000 part of literacy program in 5th grade
 - Culture & climate
 - Attendance-Masterman exceeds SDP benchmark. Our goal is set by our historical value.
 - MTSS meetings among HS and MS to review students' performance, attendance.
 - Second step program in MS
 - Diversity programs-affinity groups with HS group mentoring MS group
 - Suspension rate—Masterman 0%
 - Afterschool activities
 - Tutoring through National Honor Society
- **Winter Family Engagement Parental Input—Melanie from FACE**
 - Small group discussion of parental input regarding additional needs for improvement in the school
 - Mental health support and workshops for students and parents
 - Anxiety/stress over academic pressure & time management
 - Discussion of teachers' role in students' stress, mental health
 - Safe environment in school and clean, functional facilities
 - Expand facilities—larger physical space
 - Update textbooks
 - Decrease student:teacher ratio i.e. 25:1
 - Curricular audit for high school—more options, pathways for diverse student interests

- Greater number and variety of AP courses and at earlier grades
 - Counseling staff: dedicated expert on college admissions
 - Adding another foreign language in middle school
 - Adding gifted programs
 - Incorporate different technology i.e. e-readers
 - Parent night to learn about curriculum and supports
 - Support (i.e. clerical) for teachers to free up their time
- Next steps: Melanie will compile parent input and will discuss with Ms. Brown.
- **Updates from Principal Brown**
- **Sub-Committees**
 - **Student Health and Wellness** - Anne Pomerantz, chair
 - **Facilities/Security** - Brian Levanthal, chair. Principal Brown reported out.
 - In two weeks, cameras will be installed in school- about 60 cameras will be placed in the school (hallways and exterior) and the parking lot
 - **Teaching and Learning** – Joanne Donahue, chair
 - **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** - Principal Brown, chair
 - **Budget & By Laws**—not currently active
 - **Student Government** – Athanasios Mondlak, MS representative
 - **HSA**-Barbara Dallao reported out
 - Jan 30 Salsa dancing and international potluck dinner
 - Feb 10 next HSA meeting
 - Feb 19 Generation Stress speaker on drugs
 - Mar 21 HSA auction
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:00.**
- **Next meeting will be on February 18.**
- **Attendance list**

Parents/Family	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Andrea Appel	
Maria Beatty	P
Mark Bowerman	P
Barbara Dallao	P
Jeanette Dumas	
Kimberly Erdman	
Liza Herzog	P
Brian Leventhal	P
Maggie Li	
Jane Lim	
Alison McDowell	

Marc Meola	
Leslie Patterson-Tyler	
Anne Pomerantz	P
Meena Ramakrishnan	P
Judy Shelton	P
Maria Kim Yuen	
Total	/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	
Nichole Geiger, Teacher	
Total	/8

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