

**JR Masterman SAC
April 2023 Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023 - 6:00pm**

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1. Welcome- From the Facilitator for April 19, 2023

A. Roll call of SAC members:

<i>Parent Members</i>		<i>Admin & Staff</i>		<i>Community</i>		<i>Students</i>	
Asher Chancey	P	Dr. Payne		Marissa Robinson	A	Maya Salzman (HS)	A
Maryelis Santiago	A	Ms. Lennon		Kimberly Guise (for	P	Isabela S (MS)	P
Ester Roche-Curet	P	Ms. Harrison	P	Mitchell Orenstein)			
Neha Vapiwala	P	Ms. Solomon	P	Carolotta Stafford	A		
Kristine Ho	A	Ms. Gray	P	Lori Galiano	P		
Marte Smith	A	Ms. Neu	P	Victoria Trower	P		
Maggie Li	P	Ms. Geiger	P				
VACANT		Dr. Alberti	P				

B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass: Elana Solomon Second: Victoria Trower Vote: Approved

2. Spring Title I - Parent Compact and Parent and Family Engagement Policy Review
Reviewed the documents. Victoria Trower took notes to provide to administration. Documents and a feedback form will be sent through portal on 4/20/2023.

3. Old Business

- A. Spring Elections
- Nominations close tonight (4/19/23 at 11:59pm)
 - Lori will collect all nominees and prepare ballot for vote.
 - If there are less nominees than seats, Maggie Li would like to be considered for another term. This allowable according to by-laws, by vote of SAC.

4. Reports

- A. Administration Report -
- No School April 21
 - Several trips in spring - Chaperones needed; Any interested parent can contact main office or check philasd.org/face/volunteer for information on clearances
 - PSSA testing starts on Tuesday April 25th at 8:30am each day. All MS grades will take ELA and Math; 8th grade will also take Science
 - Keystone testing will take place in May for Algebra, Biology and English

- Refresher course available for students taking the Algebra exam that are not currently enrolled in Algebra I
- Question: Are parents of students required to take Algebra test but not enrolled in Algebra I informed that their child is taking the Algebra Keystone?
 - Ms. Harrison indicates that parents were not directly contacted but she will make an effort to do so
- Site-selection for identifying new staff is undering way.
- B. FACE Rep - Lori Galiano
 - [FACT](#) courses are on going
 - Lori would like a space on school website to promote FACE workshops and share resources to families
 - Ms. Neu suggested to add a box on website with a link to a Google Drive folder that houses the different resources
 - Ms. Harrison will follow up with Lori to set-up
 - There is a Masterman SAC Facebook page that could be used to also
- C. HSA Report - HSA Executive Board Representative
 - HSA Elections underway
 - There is a nominating committee who will review all nominations and set forward a slate.
 - Elections will be held for positions that have multiple candidates; The slate can be contested
 - Call for nominees for President, 2 VPs, Treasurer, 2 Secretaries
 - HSA has funded various grants (teachers, departments, and clubs)
 - Currently looking at various larger projects for the school (furniture for roof, gym floor, computer lab)
 - Bell schedule
 - HSA presented a document at HSA meeting on 4/18 examining the impact of the bell schedule
 - HSA conducted a survey for parent input on proposed schedule changes
 - Over 350 respondents; 87% of responses indicated disagreement with the changes
 - Survey was sent through HSA mailing list (approximately 500)
 - HSA will send another survey to parent body to ask what direction the HSA should take in response.
 - SAC concern that policy decisions are not be discussed in SAC in order to advise admin before decisions are made.
 - Call for SAC to provide forum to discuss the bell schedule.
 - Ask for SAC to hold a special meeting to discuss; Ester will take lead to discuss with SAC members and admin and put in place.
 - There is a feeling that administration is not open to discussion
- D. Alumni Report - No report
- E. Student Rep Reports
 - Middle school report
 - Plans underway:
 - Movie day
 - 8th grade dance
 - 7th grade dance - Cinco de Mayo themed
 - Field Day
 - Parent volunteers needed
 - High school report - No report

F. Committee Reports

1. Diversity Equity and Inclusion -
 - Kenya Crawford will present to students on Imposter Syndrome & Allyship on 4/20
 - Marrison attended a Diversity Summit hosted at Penn
 - Hosted trip
 - DEI is working on plans for Summer Bridge program
2. Health and Wellness - no report
3. Teaching and Learning -
 - Concern that some 5th grade classes don't have enough textbooks to distribute to all students and committee would like to know the process for requesting additional material
 - All requests should be sent to admin; funds are available to purchase texts
 - 5th grade team is searching to select best textbook for social studies
4. Climate and Culture - no report
5. Safety and Facilities-
 - There was a flood on 4/18 at school that started on 4th floor and spread through to 2nd floor
 - Rooms are back open next day. Concern from building committee that no air sampling and asbestos inspections were done before rooms were back open.
 - Ms. Harrison believes that all necessary testing and cleaning took place. She acknowledges that communication should have been sent after clean-up to provide update to school community including staff.
6. Ad Hoc Committee for High School Admissions
 - Currently examining the issue of switching admissions
 - Victoria was invited to participate in an SDP focus group and will be sending out a form to collect input from school community to share with this group.
 - Incoming 9th grade is not filled as of yet

5. **Questions - Topics for Discussion**

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6. **Questions or Comments for SAC?**

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