

**JR Masterman SAC  
January 2023 Meeting Agenda  
January 18, 2023 - 6:00pm**

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**1. Welcome- From the Facilitator for January 18, 2023**

A. Roll call of SAC members:

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

B. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to Pass:

Second:

Vote: Approved

**2. Old and New Business**

- A. World Languages - Language Town Hall on January 25th, 6pm
  - Using Masterman SAC Zoom meeting room
  - Language Survey to be Finalized and Sent Out Via Portal and HSA newsletter
- B. Masterman Mission and Vision Meeting - in the HSA slot, February 7th, 7:30pm
  - Public open discussion around mission & vision due to changes seen in school & website
  - Dr. Payne conducted conversation with full staff in August
  - In-person at school; open to anyone in school community
  - Ahead of middle states accreditation.
    - Ms. Neu shared that part of process is developing mission.
  - Feedback will be available;
- C. Title 1 Meeting - Winter Title 1 Meeting January 26th, 6pm
  - Required for Title I compliance
  - Parent input meeting for the budget
- D. Middle States Accreditation
  - No update at this time
- E. Budget Meeting

- F. Spring Elections
  - Current parents terms end at conclusion of school year.
  - 6-8 seats will be open

### 3. **Reports**

- A. Administration Report - Dr. Payne/Ms. Harrison/Ms. Lennon
  - Administrative will rotate attendance at SAC meeting
  - Friday 1/20 is half day
  - Midterms currently underway
    - Parental concern: Equitable grading across subject in same grade level to apply fairness.
      - Administration communicating with staff to ensure fair grading (ie use of curve), format standardized but not content at this time.
- B. FACE Rep - Lori Galiano
  - Liz Taylor received SDP Teacher of the Year award
  - FACT virtual workshop: Know Your Rights Grandfamilies/Kinship January 23rd (two sessions 10am & 6pm)
  - Flyers available for Winter SAC meeting (February & March meetings), Title I, and World Langague Town Hall
  - Office aware that not all school selection results have been released
- C. HSA Report - HSA Executive Board Representative
  - Fundraising is very strong. Looking to support club grants
    - Spring Auction March 18th Congregation Rodeph Shalom
  - Conducting various coffee chats for different groups in school community
  - Concerns around school selection process
  - Directory plans for printing at the end of month
- D. Alumni Report
  - No update
- E. Student Rep Reports
  - 1. High School representative - Maya Salzman
    - International postponed to Friday January 27th
    - Hosting a canned food drive month of February for Feast of Justice. Collecting in the morning at arrival (7:50-8:15am) at 17th st entrance.
    - Some misuse of period products in bathrooms. Student Council organizing to have presentations in middle school homerooms to discuss
  - 2. Middle School representative - Shamah Telhaoui
    - 8th grade students are very anxious about school selections
    - Planning a 7/8th grade dance
    - Planning more end of the year 8th grade activities
- F. Committee Reports
  - 1. Diversity Equity and Inclusion -

- Offering dual enrollment for all seniors in a free course on Financial Literacy offered by Wharton
  - Partnering with Speak Up - build relations authentic supportive conversations on topics important to students
    - Event scheduled for Feb 16th; small group discussions on topics students raise.
    - Forming student leadership team
  - Masterman speaker series: Chloe Harris (transwoman) spoke to high school students about trans community, her experience about transition and
  - Lunar New Year Celebration - Philly Suns (Lion dance) January 23rd
  - University trips
    - West Chester (STEM Expo) - February
    - Howard University - March
2. Health and Wellness -
- Focus on mental health
  - Penn program for Mindfulness - Looking to bring mindful training to school in near future
    - Will ask counselors first
    - Looking to get
  - Midterm concerns due to stress
    - Some students indicated suicidal ideation
    - Looking to find ways to address the stress these exams cause in students
    - Staff comment on that midterms & finals are an important preparation of students for college.
3. Teaching and Learning -
- Finalized language survey
  - Concerns about crossing guard absences
    - Crossing guards are in the domain of police department
    - Only allotted 1 crossing guard
    - Unsure of arrival/departure time
  - Special education liaison is still vacant, may not be filled until next year; SDP and AP Lennon is supporting to maintain compliance
4. Climate and Culture -
- No report
5. Safety and Facilities-
- Shared safety plan committee created with Ms. Harrison (leads school based safety team) to approve to share with school community. Approval pending.
    - School based safety team shared emergency preparedness survey to see current status of all classrooms. School police & building engineer addressing issues raised in survey.
6. Ad Hoc Committee for High School Admissions
- No changes approved by SDP to current systems from suggestions shared at last
  - Requesting a transfer process to allow switches; Need support in presenting a system to allow for that.
    - Need to have access of student eligibility in order for system to work
  - Shared PSSA results
    - Compared Masterman to GAMP and Penn Alexander
    - Looked at specifically the students reaching Advanced in both subjects
    - Significant drop from previous year, most notable in [5th grade performance](#)

5. **Questions - Topics for Discussion**

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

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