



Julia R. Masterman HSA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Nov 9, 2022

Time: 6 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual at HSA Zoom

Recorder: Ya-Chi Tsao

In Attendance

Please see the separate sign-in sheet.

Approval of Minutes

Alecia Burke (Formal HSA Treasury Secretary), as of 10:31 AM on Nov 10, 2022

Satterria Kersey Presenting the Special Election Results

1. Satterria, the formal HSA President, announced that, per request, HSA held a special election. She presented the October Special Election results and installed the new Executive Board that consisted of members listed below:

HSA president: Mitchell Orenstein

Vice President 1: Kimberly Guise

Vice President 2: Leon McCrea

Corresponding Secretary: Anne Albert

Recording Secretary: Ya-Chi Tsao

Treasury Secretary: Erica Vanstone

2. Satterria retired from the HSA president role and passed her baton to Mitchell.

New president remarks

1. The new President, Mitchell Orenstein, representing the new Executive Board, accepted the installment and thanked Satterria for her service.

2. In addition to the Executive Board members, six Board of Directors and six Committee Chairs joined the new HSA Board.
3. The key objective of the new Board is to activate the HSA and perform serious work for our school. Mitchell invited everyone to reinvigorate the HSA.
4. The new HSA plans to maintain civil discourse and dialogue, support the school financially, and establish a good working relationship with the school administration to advance education for our kids. The new Board is partnering with the Masterman community to change the environment, conduct positive change for everyone in the school, and
5. The new HSA provides a forum for parents to address concerns and comments. It is a place to amplify parents' voices to decision-makers. Every parent is welcome to join the forum.

Dr. Payne's response

1. Dr. Payne thanked the previous HSA and welcomed the new Executive Board.
2. Dr. Payne addressed that the HSA played an important role in supporting the school with the best intention that lifted the school, students, teachers, and staff to be able to do their jobs.
3. Dr. Payne stated that she looked forward to building a relationship with HSA and putting our students first.

Board Member Introduction

1. Kimberly Guise, VP1, a parent of a 10th grader at Masterman and a 7th grader at another Philadelphia public school, and a Masterman alumna:
 - Kimberly served on several committees in the past few years.
 - She plans to focus on administering teacher grants, class grants, and club grants to support activities, such as field trips, that were negatively affected by the pandemic.
 - She invited everyone to join the committee or volunteer to make an enjoyable process.
2. Leon McCrea, VP2, a parent of a 6th and a 8th graders, a Masterman Alumnus:
 - Leon plans to focus on establishing the HSA's mission and vision around coming together as a global community, supporting our administration, and maximizing the growth and development of the Masterman community.
3. Anne Albert, Corresponding Secretary, a parent of 6th and 9th graders:
 - Anna is in charge of communications for HSA.
 - She is responsible for making the HSA newsletters and managing social media. Her goal is to communicate at her best and to provide opportunities for people to use social media to amplify their voices.
4. Ya-Chi Tsao, Recording Secretary, a parent of a 10th grader:
 - Ya-chi plans to help keep the records organized and have a place where parents can access and find documents, working with the IT committee to organize the information on the new HSA website that Kimberly designed.
5. Erica Vanstone, Treasury Secretary, a parent of a 9th grader:
 - Coming from a parochial school system, she has many experiences in managing the financial crisis. She is also the chief executive officer of a non-profit organization to

- run the sport of roller Derby for four years. She plans to bring her expertise to do the best recordkeeping and facilitate all the work.
6. Rahul Ganesan, Building and Ground Committee Chair, a parent of a 5th grader:
 - Rahul wants to help rebuild the connection that was lost during the pandemic. He looks forward to partnering with our community to ensure this building welcomes students. He welcomes ideas that people can provide.
 7. Richard Moore, Fundraising Committee Chair, a parent of an 8th and a 10th graders:
 - Richard takes on fundraising and plans to support reactivate programs. He invited everyone to help and volunteer in the two subcommittees:
 - Auction - a great fundraising event in spring, and
 - Logo sales - a good way to show our true colors.
 - He also invites everyone to send him suggestions.
 8. Stacey Koilor, Information Technology Committee Chair, a parent of a 5th and 6th graders:
 - Stacey plans to implement some IT tools to help communicate more effectively, build family engagement, and build a sense of community in the school.
 9. Michael Young, Membership Committee Chair, a parent of a 6th grader:
 - Michael asked everyone to spread the word to join the HSA and build a large community. He hopes to reduce barriers, bring member fees down, and asks people for donations.
 10. Sam Vitiello, Outreach Committee Chair, a parent of a 7th grader:
 - Sam has been a member of the Academic Affairs and Wellness committee for several years.
 - She plans to activate the parent community, connect with one another, and bring back activities for everyone. Sam invites everyone to get involved in various subcommittees:
 - The DEIAR Committee is looking for parents to take on the responsibility of the Chair of the committee to continue this important work.
 - The Middle School Liaison and High school Liaison connect with faculty and plan for field trips.
 - The Library Committee helps out with the school book fair.
 - Academic Affairs and Wellness committee plans to bring direct programming to students of each grade by collaborating and working with school administration.
 - The Orientation Committee is also part of the Outreach Committee.
 11. Jessica, Social Committee Chair: (Jessica was absent, a brief intro by Mitchell)
 - Jessica has many experiences in this area. She has been organizing events for our students, including one very soon.
 12. Mitchell, President, a parent of an 8th grader:
 - Mitchell was involved in a citywide parent organization and testified at City Hall and the Board of Education. He wanted to give back to the masterman community. He also invited everyone to join the HSA community for a better Masterman.

New HSA Announcement

1. The new HSA revised the meeting time to 7:30 PM and adjusted some monthly dates to avoid conflicts with SAC meetings.
2. January meeting may be scheduled for in person (more information to follow.)
3. The new HSA website will be available this Sunday (Nov 13, 2022). The proposed budget will be posted on the new website for review.
4. The budget meeting is scheduled on Nov 15.

Questions and Comments

1. Future meetings are scheduled for one hour. The Board plans to hold a prep meeting to manage the meeting time better.
2. The new assistant principal, Jennifer Lennon, introduced herself and greeted everyone.
3. The new Board is serving out of the previous Board's term and needs to be in charge of the next election, which is scheduled for March or April 2023.
4. An introduction of Cassandra Cruz, School Operations Officer at Masterman, a parent of a 7th and a 10th graders; She will work closely with the HSA.
5. Maria Yuen suggested including the entire Masterman community, regardless of where people live or their social status quo when planning the auction event. Richard will connect with Maria to discuss this year's fundraising and auction events.
6. Staff liaison: One from high school and the other from middle school, Ms. Elana Soloman and Mrs. Marjorie Brunner, accordingly.
7. At least one of the three administrative staff will attend the HSA meeting from now on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Cc: PNC Bank