



Monarch Academy

**Monarch Academy Public Charter School Board Minutes
August 9, 2017
430 Brock Bridge Road Laurel, MD**

Attendees

Eric DeVito
Crystal Fink
Marie Noplock
Meghan Philbeck
Marc Rodriguez
Ray Szyperski
Dona Sturn

Not in Attendance

Dr. Sissy Jimenez
Dr. Gbadebo Owolabi
Loise Taliaferro

Monarch Staff

Joel Garcia, Glen Burnie
Raquelle Moore, Laurel
Susan Myers, Annapolis
Donna O'Shea, Laurel

The Children's Guild

Greig Alteri
Dr. Duane Arbogast
Frank Kros
Angélique McKoy

Call to Order

Mr. DeVito called the meeting of the Monarch Academy Public Charter School (MAPCS) Board of Directors to order at 6:37p.m. He introduced Ms. Noplock and Ms. Philbeck and welcomed them to the Anne Arundel County Charter Schools Board. Both Ms. Noplock and Ms. Philbeck shared their backgrounds with the group.

Minutes

There was not a quorum for approval of minutes. The minutes from May 10, 2017 and August 9, 2017 to be approved at the October 11, 2017 meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Board Education

Mr. Kros shared an outline of the TranZed Alliance Strategic Plan (*see attached presentation*). He also invited Board members to the TranZed Summit on August 30th and the NAREN/TranZed Alliance Conference on October 19th and 20th.

Principal Reports

Annapolis – (See attached Monarch Academy – Annapolis Principal's Report)

Ms. Myers shared that the school had an initial tour for new families during the week of August 7th and the results were extremely positive. She expressed that there is a level of excitement in the community about the school with calls coming in daily to inquire about registration and enrollment. Ms. Myers also reported on the waitlist for third through fifth grades and that the school is extremely close to reaching the projected number of seats. As it

pertains to staffing, Ms. Myers informed that she is still seeking TSAs. She also extended an open invitation to the Board for “Sneak a Peek at Your Seat” on August 31st at 4pm.

Glen Burnie - (See attached Monarch Academy – Glen Burnie Principal’s Report)

Mr. Garcia reported that enrollment is at capacity at the Glen Burnie campus. He informed that new teachers will report to school the week of August 14th, and that the leadership team has created their work plan as well as the professional development plan for the upcoming school year. He conveyed the hiring of 11 new TAs to round out the teaching staff. Mr. Garcia said that the staff is excited and ready to start the school year. Ms. Sturn acknowledged that there are some great stories about the “community” aspect of the school that should be shared publicly.

Global – (See attached Monarch Academy – Laurel Principal’s Report)

Ms. O’Shea reported that enrollment is at capacity and there is a wait list as well. She invited board to attend the “Sneak a Peek” event which will also serve as a PTA recruitment event. She spoke about the robotics league participating in the various educational events.

Physical Plant Report

Monarch Global Addition – The Board took a guided tour of the new addition to the Monarch Laurel campus. Ms. O’Shea reported that the structure will house the Kindergarten through 1st grade classes because these grades do not transition as much throughout the school day.

Monarch Annapolis Building Renovation – Mr. Kros gave an update on the progress of the Monarch Annapolis campus. The building is near completion and will be ready for opening on the first day of school. Mr. Kros also commended Mr. Altieri on his stellar construction coordination efforts. He invited the Board to attend the designated opening celebration on October 10th at 10:30am, which will be attended by several government officials, including Governor Hogan.

Other Items

Mr. Kros made a motion to start board meetings at 6pm to align with the other school board schedules. Mr. DeVito asked Ms. McKoy to send email proxy to board for final approval.

Adjourn

Mr. DeVito adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm. The next meeting of the Monarch Anne Arundel board is scheduled for October 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Angélique McKoy
Recording Secretary