



Monarch Academy

**Monarch Academy Public Charter School Board Minutes
December 13, 2017
2000 Capital Drive ~ Annapolis, MD**

Attendees

Eric DeVito
Dr. Sissy Jimenez
Marie Noplock
Meghan Philbeck
Dona Sturn
Loise Taliaferro

Not in Attendance

Crystal Fink
Jessica Paret
Marc Rodriguez
Ray Szyperski

Monarch Staff

Joel Garcia, Glen Burnie
Mark McCalpin, Laurel
Mike McCann, Annapolis
Susan Myers, Annapolis
Donna O'Shea, Laurel

The Children's Guild

Dr. Duane Arbogast
Steve Howe
Angélique McKoy

Call to Order

On behalf of Mr. DeVito, Mr. Howe called the meeting of the Monarch Academy Public Charter School (MAPCS) Board of Directors to order at 6:07pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Board Education *(see attached presentation)*

Mr. McCann shared board education on integrating arts into the curriculum. He talked about the Culture Card implantation and how it is helping to build the culture at the Annapolis school as well as implementing artful thinking. This program seeks to understand what it takes for a student to succeed in schools in the 21st century. A piece of developing the international-minded student as per the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, arts integration is a large part of that work. The work incorporates the Children's Guild mission of the "vision to see, the courage to try, the will to succeed."

The group had a very engaging discussion around the Norman Rockwell painting, *"The Problem We All Live With"*, which is an exercise that has happened in classrooms. Board members participated in a group activity which allowed them to examine at the art in different ways, as the students have, and discuss the work's impact both academically and personally.

Principal Reports

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

Ms. Myers shared that she and Dr. Arbogast are working on strategies to bolster enrollment at Monarch Annapolis. She reported that a bilingual facilitator will also be looking at ways to engage potential families. She then shared the preliminary I-Ready data as well as the PYP Units of Inquiry Overview for grades Kindergarten through 5. As it pertains to community involvement, she mentioned that the PTA is hosting a Winter Wonderland holiday themed party to bring the school community together. Additionally, the school has received donations toward the playground as well as funds to purchase musical instruments. She informed that Monarch Annapolis also has a food pantry that has recently started providing food to over 50 families. Lastly, she mentioned that the professional development program includes PYP (Learner Profiles, Inquiry-Based Instruction and Unit Planners) and Guided Reading.

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

Mr. Garcia provided information on the recent happenings at Monarch Glen Burnie. He also shared brief summaries from the expedition summaries for grades 2 through 8. He highlighted the core focus of MAGB which includes Mastery of Knowledge and Skills, Quality Work and Character.

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

Ms. O’Shea reported that the school year has gotten off to a great start. She shared that a parent lobbied and received a grant for \$102K from the Racetrack Impact Fee Commission for new awnings for the school. She also said that the school now functions up to grade 8 and explained how enrollment changes when families move due to county boundaries, i.e. Howard and Prince Georges County. She shared that MGA has been working with a Leadership Coach through a recommendation of Ms. Wells. Lastly, she informed that the MGA Food Pantry started this school year under the leadership of one of the 3rd grade families and is going well.

Minutes

Mr. DeVito called for a motion to approve minutes from the following meetings: May 10, 2017, August 9, 2017, and October 11, 2017. Dr. Jimenez made a motion and Ms. Sturn seconded the motion. **The minutes were approved.**

Enrollment Plans for the 2018-2019 School Year *(see attached spreadsheets)*

Dr. Arbogast shared current enrollment and future projections for all three Anne Arundel County Charters. He relayed a strategy for relationship building events in January targeting various communities that are current feeders into Monarch Annapolis. He emphasized the excellent work of the Monarch Annapolis parent liaison and the bilingual efforts which support the community.

Adjourn

Mr. DeVito adjourned the meeting at 7:36pm. The next meeting of the Monarch Anne Arundel board is scheduled for February 14, 2017 at 6:00pm.

Submitted by:

Angélique McKoy
Recording Secretary