



Monarch Academy

Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel
Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2015
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Minutes

Creating Courageous Children

In attendance: Loise Novo, Paul Rao, Dona Sturn, Sissy Jimenez, Andy Ross, Amy Duffy, Eric DeVito

1. Call to Order – Dr. Ross
2. Board introductions
 - a. Dona Sturn shared her character ed program with an article in a publication.
 - b. Loise Novo: Centro de Health in Annapolis
 - c. Dr. Sissy Jimenez
 - d. Amy Duffy PTA member, two students at MAGB
3. Review Minutes – Approved at 8:27 pm.
4. Public Comment – none
5. CQI Report – Dr. Arbogast (*see attachment*) Dr. Arbogast provided a short history of the role of school accountability that led to the adoption of the Common Core State Standards and the assessment program called PARCC. iReady is a computer adapted test that is aligned to the common core. iReady has proven to be a predictor of performance on PARCC. The CQI report detailed performance in reading and math on a diagnostic administered at the beginning of the year. PARCC scores for the schools, district and state from spring 2015 were shared. Monarchs generally performed below the county average. The board discussed the impact of the scores on student groups and the role the board can take in supporting the students and families in the development of language, literacy and social/emotional development. The guiding question for the board is: How does the board support the students and families, both in the school and in the community?
6. Mark McCalpin described how Global designs curriculum and how the school is adjusting to the common core.
7. Matt Turcotte described Expeditionary Learning at Monarch Glen Burnie and the current projects. Wingspans are the celebrations of units of study. The Wingspan schedule for Glen Burnie is:
Tuesday, Jan 19
10:00-11:00am- 5th Grade

Wednesday, Jan 20
10:00-11:00am- 6th grade
11:50-12:50- 2nd grade
12:00-1:00pm- Kindergarten

Thursday, Jan 21
10:00-11:00am- 1st Grade

12:00-1:00pm- 7th Grade

Friday, Jan 22

9:00-10:00am- 8th grade

10:00-11:00am- 3rd Grade

8. Site Reviews for Monarch Glen Burnie and Monarch Global Academy – Dr. Arbogast
Site reviews went well at both schools. The board interviews went well. The district clearly supported the work at the school.
9. Committee Logistics – Dr. Ross
10. School Updates
 - Monarch Glen Burnie – Mr. Garcia: PARCC scores will go home with students on Friday. Communication from the county will try to “soften the blow” of the scores being lower than past test scores. Mr. DeVito suggested that the schools hold a parent meeting to explain the scores.
 - Monarch Global Academy - Mr. McCalpin shared Global’s student led conferences in November. The students lead the conference with the teacher and the parent to describe how the student perceives their progress. The conferences went well.
Space issues need to be addressed for growth. Mr. Baldwin came out to discuss options to accommodate growth at Global.
Working on implementing a schedule for the expansion to grade 7. Looking at the Homeland security program at Meade HS and how the school can program for preparation to enter that program in ninth grade.
BYOD (bring your own device/computer) in grade six has been a success.
11. PTA report
 - Monarch Glen Burnie - Ms. Duffy reported that there is a whole new PTA membership. Meetings will be held at different times to accommodate the needs of parents. Some meetings will be at night and some in the late afternoon. Held one meeting in a library in Odenton to accommodate families who live in the Western County.
Scholastic book fair is kicking off.
Monarch Night at a local pizza place.
Hosting a family skate night in Odenton.
12. Open House for the TranZed Conference Center will be on January 14, 2016.
13. Adjournment – Dr. Ross at 8:30