

Monarch Academy Public Charter School Board Minutes
October 14, 2015
6730 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD

Attendees

Eric DeVito
Brittany Jones
Dr. Gbadebo Owolabi
Laila Ramputh
Dona Sturn
Ray Szyperski

Not in Attendance

Dr. Patricia Doran
Dr. Paul Rao
Michael Wodka

Monarch Staff

Maurine Larkin
Erika Weiss

The Children's Guild

Dr. Duane Arbogast
Dr. Andrew Ross
Susan McFaul

Call to Order

Ms. Jones called the meeting of the Monarch Academy Public Charter School (MAPCS) Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

The board welcomed new board member Ms. Dona Sturn who provided some background on her business and interests.

Minutes

The board approved the minutes from the May 13, 2015 and June 10, 2015 meetings.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Update on New Board Candidates

Mr. DeVito reported that several candidates are under consideration for the board. Ms. Sturn has been approved and is officially a board member. Dr. Chambers and Ms. Novo have been recommended and are in the pipeline for approval.

Principal's Report

Monarch Merritt Campus (Glen Burnie) – Ms. Larkin reported the school is at full enrollment of 676 students as of September 30th which is the funding cutoff date. A site visit by Anne Arundel County Public Schools is scheduled for October 15, 2015. Student led conferences will be held on November 23rd.

Monarch Global Academy - Ms. Weiss reported an update on the new sixth grade and how they were doing. The art and music rooms were switched to help reduce issues with sound.

Monarch Global is looking forward to several upcoming events including the book fair, literacy night, and upcoming art show for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Administration is also in the process of arranging and figuring out details for an addition to the school for seventh and eighth grade.

PTA Report

Monarch Merritt Campus (Glen Burnie) – Ms. Ramputh, PTA President, attended for parent representative Amy Duffy. She reported the school raised over \$20,000 for the PTA with its Run Day Fun Day which was held in May, 2015. Several recent events were held including an ice cream social at back to school night, first general PTA meeting for this school year, and a family game night. A Reading Night will be held on October 29th and a Paint Night is scheduled for November 18th. PTA Reflections are being collected and sent to the County PTA for judging.

Monarch Global Academy – Dr. Owolabi distributed a written report (see attached) and reviewed the highlights including membership of 275 members as well as several fundraising and school activities that are coming up. Monarch Global held a Boosterthon Fun Run which was a huge success. The event raised \$53K and even with paying Boosterthon \$18,500 the school has still earned almost \$35K.

Date Change for November meeting

The November board meeting will be held on November 4th rather than the usual 2nd Wednesday of the month to allow for new board member Dr. Rao to attend and meet the board. This meeting will be held at Monarch Global Academy in Laurel.

Update on Annapolis School

Dr. Ross and Dr. Arbogast showed pictures of The Capital Gazette building which will be leased to establish the new 3rd charter school for Anne Arundel County.

Adjourn

Ms. Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm. The next meeting of the Monarch Anne Arundel board is scheduled for November 4, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Susan McFaul
Recording Secretary