

**Monarch Academy Public Charter School Board Minutes**  
**May 11, 2016**  
**Tour of Annapolis Charter School/Meeting at Paladar restaurant**

**Attendees**

Eric DeVito  
Dr. Patricia Doran  
Amy Duffy  
Dr. Sissy Jimenez  
Loise Novo  
Dr. Paul Rao  
Dona Sturn  
Ray Szyperski

**Not in Attendance**

Brittany Jones  
Dr. Gbadebo Owolabi

**Monarch Staff**

Donna O'Shea, Laurel

**The Children's Guild**

Dr. Duane Arbogast  
Amanda Henck  
Susan McFaul

**Tour of Annapolis Charter School**

The board toured the Annapolis Charter School located at 2000 Capital Drive, Annapolis, MD.

**Call to Order**

Mr. DeVito called the meeting of the Monarch Academy Public Charter School (MAPCS) Board of Directors to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Szyperski and seconded by Ms. Novo. The motion was approved.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials**

Ms. Henck reported that as a whole Monarch Academy Public Charter School continues to perform ahead of budget for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (see attached). It is expected the trend will continue for both schools. Monarch Global continues to accumulate cash to cover the facility expansion planned to accommodate the increase in incoming students.

## **990 Form**

Ms. Henck reported that the 990 form (see attached) contained no major changes compared to the prior year other than an increase due to adding Monarch Global. Next year will show a similar increase with the addition of the Annapolis Charter School. A board vote is not required for the 990 forms, just board awareness. The 990 form will be publicly available on May 15, 2016.

## **Strategic Plan Committee Reports**

*Marketing & Development Committee* – Dr. Arbogast reported he has been setting up tours of the Annapolis Charter School and asked the board for names of those they feel would benefit from attending. The building will likely not be ready this summer so will need to figure out other ways to promote the school. Mr. DeVito stated the board of education should be willing to help advertise the school. An article will also run in the Capital Gazette.

*Assessment Committee* – Ms. Sturn reported the committee is waiting for Dr. Arbogast to connect with Anne Arundel County's IT person to better learn of their vision for technology. The current movement seems to be towards presentation not devices.

*Finance Committee* – Dr. Rao will have more information to present at the next meeting. In regards to transportation work continues to get the bus vendor on the approved list with Anne Arundel County. Currently they have been granted limited approval but hope to get fully approved to be used as a transportation vendor. Transportation is a large budget expense and Monarch Baltimore recognized considerable savings by using their own vendor.

## **PTA reports**

*Monarch Glen Burnie* - Ms. Duffy reported the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be presenting their Passage Portfolios on June 6<sup>th</sup>. It is highly recommended that board directors participate in this event. Details will be emailed out to the board. Wingspan will also be coming up in June. The Race for Education event was held and is very close to reaching its goal of \$18K. Proceeds are currently at \$17,500.

*Monarch Global Academy* – Dr. Owolabi was not able to attend and sent the following report:

- The last PTA Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting was held on Monday May 9.
- There will be a "Monarch's Got Talent Variety Show" which is a showcase of talent and entertainment for grades 3 to 6 this evening, May 11<sup>th</sup> starting from 6:00 PM.
- The annual Spring Fling Dance will be held on May 20.

## **Principal Updates**

*Monarch Global Academy* – Ms. O’Shea reported that Global will be adding 7<sup>th</sup> grade this school year. Several teachers have resigned and work continues on hiring replacements as well as teachers for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Candidates must go through a rigorous process and Ms. O’Shea felt this allowed for them to select from the best candidates available and to determine who would be a good fit for the school.

*Monarch Glen Burnie* – no report provided.

*Annapolis Charter School* – Dr. Arbogast reported that interviews for the principal have concluded. A name has been presented to the school superintendent and must be approved by the Board of Education. The hiring process for this position was rigorous as well with the goal to find an experienced principal preferably a candidate that knows the area/community. Many lessons were learned when hiring Ms. O’Shea. It was beneficial to have someone with knowledge of the inner workings of Anne Arundel County, had an established reputation and was politically able to work well with The Children’s Guild as a management company.

## **Adjourn**

Mr. DeVito adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. The next meeting of the Monarch Anne Arundel board is scheduled for June 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Susan McFaul  
Recording Secretary