



Monarch Academy

**Monarch Academy Public Charter School Board Minutes
June 13, 2018
6730 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie**

Attendees

Ray Szyperski
Marie Noplock
Dr. Sissy Jimenez
Loise Taliaferro
Carly Czyzewski

Not in Attendance

Crystal Fink
Jessica Paret
Marc Rodriguez
Eric DeVito
Kandace Hoppin
Meghan Philbeck

Monarch Staff

Susan Myers, Annapolis
Mark McCalpin, Laurel
Kim Jakovics, Glen Burnie

The Children's Guild

Andrew Ross
Duane Arbogast
Amanda Henck

Call to Order

On behalf of Mr. DeVito, Dr. Ross called the meeting of the Monarch Academy Public Charter School (MAPCS) Board of Directors to order at 6:10pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Board Comments:

Ray Szyperski commented on the power of the Passages at Glen Burnie. He believes everyone should participate in the future. He also complimented the 8th grade promotional exercises at Global. Marie Noplock commented on the Passages at Glen Burnie. It is an emotional and powerful event. She also complimented the Kindergarten Wingspan. Carly Czyzewski also complimented the Passages.

Board Education (presentation attached)

Hydrodynamics: a presentation from the Global robotics team. A first year team placed fourth in regionals and 15th in the state. The team explained their process and collaboration. They also did a demonstration of their performance.

Introduction of Kim Jakovics

Kim Jakovics was introduced as the new principal of Monarch Glen Burnie. She explained how she is learning the people and preparing for the new year. Her priority is filling positions. Ms. Jakovics described her history and why she was drawn to Monarch.

Principal Reports

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

Ms. Myers shared the principal's report. She focused on the enrollment initiatives. The school is focusing on recruiting the Latino population in Annapolis and Edgewater. Ms. Jimenez suggested we recruit at the Health Department Clinic. We are seeking a Spanish recruiter.

Ms. Myers explained SLO (Student Learning Targets) and demonstrated growth. Annapolis performed the Lion King. There are plans to complete two playground areas and an outdoor classroom. The first part of the playground will be complete before the new school year.

Glen Burnie

Ms. Jakovics indicated that Wingspans, outdoor education and Passages are complete. The focus is on hiring positions.

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

Mr. McCann reported on enrollment and shared recent activities. Heather Carnaghan was named Teacher of the Year for Anne Arundel County. The students did a turtle release. Global took third place in the Wires Down competition.

Dr. Ross suggested that we continue to maintain relationships with Alumni (graduating eighth graders). We need to think about how to keep them engaged. He also talked about how the school is branded and the role of TranZed and culture. Dr. Ross talked about how the parents and the community perceive the school and its relationship with the Children’s Guild. The work of the board is around these three aspects.

Strong Schools Maryland

Dr. Arbogast and Dr. Ross informed the board about the Kirwan Commission and working to influence the commission around at-risk, teacher pipeline, pre-kindergarten and academics, including career preparation. The Children’s Guild has positioned itself as a thought leader in the Kirwan Commission. Letter writing has been effective in influencing politicians.

Finance Update

Ms. Henck presented the budgets for all three schools.

- The Monarchs educate 2203 students. The per-pupil is \$12,827. Special education funding is \$1944.
- Ms. Henck presented the surplus which is \$500,000 in aggregate.
- Glen Burnie is budgeting additional expense including a second assistant principal position. In addition, the Guild is requesting that the management fee move from an 8% to 10% of the management fee. Glen Burnie’s debt is paid off next April. In addition, there is an anticipation of capital improvements within the next three years.
- Global is adding an arts integration position, a sixth grade teacher and a math specialist.
- Monarch Annapolis is growing and adding 8.6 positions include 5 classroom teachers.
- In capital spending, we are budgeting \$255,204 in total for renovations, equipment, technology and furniture. Most of the capital spending is at Annapolis for the projected growth. The playground is not reflected in the capital spending.

Approval of the FY 19 budget: Motion: Ray Szyperki, seconded Marie Noplock. Unanimously passed.

Approval to change the management fee: Motion: Marie Noplock, seconded Carly Czyzewski. Unanimously passed.

Adjourn

Dr. Ross adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm. The next meeting of the Monarch Anne Arundel board is scheduled for August 8 at 6:00 pm at Global.

Submitted by:

Duane Arbogast