



Monarch Academy Public Charter School Board Minutes
October 10, 2018
6730 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie

Monarch Academy

Attendees

Ray Szyperski
Dr. Sissy Jimenez
Carly Czyzewski
Kandace Hoppin
Eric DeVito
Meghan Philbeck
Jessica Paret

Not in Attendance

Crystal Fink
Marc Rodriguez
Jess Deinlein
Loise Taliaferro
Marie Noplock

Monarch Staff

Susan Myers, Annapolis
Michael McDowell, Global
Kim Jakovics, Glen Burnie
Donna O'Shea, Global

The Children's Guild

Andrew Ross
Duane Arbogast

AACPS

Pat Crain

Call to Order

Mr. DeVito called the meeting of the Monarch Academy Public Charter School (MAPCS) Board of Directors to order at 6:12 pm.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Presentation of the Racetrack Check

Ms. Wash-Meadows, a parent at Global, presented the check for \$101,200 to Global as part of the racetrack proceeds.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes: Dr. Jimenez
Second: Ms. Hoppin
Minutes approved unanimously.

Board Education

Pat Crain from AACPS conducted a focus group of the board in regards to the Monarch Glen Burnie renewal. The renewal process occurs after five years. Mr. Crain described the renewal process. A recommendation from the renewal committee will go to the superintendent in January and it goes to the board in February.

The focus group questions focused on board structure, on-boarding, board responsibilities and the board/operator relations.

Principal Reports

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

- Ms. Myers shared the principal's report. Key areas included PYP training, a summer musical arts camp and a welcoming of new students. The strategic plan focuses on reading, math fluency and social emotional growth. Monarch is now a PBIS school.

- The outdoor playground is complete. The early childhood playground is under construction. Permits for the lower field are dependent on the completion of the early childhood playground.
- Annapolis is designated as a targeted Title I school.
- The arts integration position is currently open. Looking at creating a mural along one wall as an arts project. Arts clubs have been established.
- The board discussed the growth in enrollment and the challenges with new families and the challenges applying on line to the Anne Arundel lottery, particularly for families that do not speak English.
- Not meeting the enrollment target of 702 is a loss of projected income of about \$650,000. The board questioned why we budget over the contracted number. There is not confidence that there are enough students in the Annapolis area. Options for growth include expanding the grades or expanding the marketing basin.
- The board asked if there are metrics to evaluate the implementation of SWIS?

Glen Burnie (See attached Monarch Academy Glen Burnie report attached)

- Ms. Jakovics talked about relationship building, between teachers, with families and among students.
- Ms. Jakovics talked about the implementation of the new language arts curriculum.
- She also talked about an author coming to work with the second grade.
- The board asked about using the last names for staff. Ms. Jakovics said that students who have been here eight years have struggled but the younger students have adjusted quickly. Some families lost a level of trust.

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

- Ms. O’Shea reported on the changing demographics in the school and the strategic planning, including restorative practices. Only two discipline referrals so far this year.

Enrollment Updates

Dr. Arbogast reported the official enrollments for the Monarch schools:

School	Contract	10%	Total	Actual enrollment
Monarch Annapolis	638	64	702	654
Monarch Glen Burnie	615	62	677	677
Monarch Global Academy	750	75	825	826

PARCC Scores

Dr. Arbogast shared the PARCC scores by grade (attachment).

Strong Schools Maryland

Dr. Arbogast informed the board about the Lockbox amendment on the ballot in November. The Kirwan final recommendations were shared. The board was encouraged to exercise their influence with legislators.

Adjourn

Mr. Devito adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next meeting of the Monarch Anne Arundel board is scheduled for December 11 at 6:00 pm at Global.

Submitted by:
Duane Arbogast