



Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel
Board of Directors Meeting
February 12, 2020
Monarch Academy Annapolis
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Attendees

Dr. Sissy Jimenez
Megan Philbeck
Eric DeVito
Loise Taliaferro
Amber Marcheso

Not in Attendance

Jess Deinlein
Shae Delfino
Janine Fratantuono
Kandace Hoppin
Marc Rodriguez
Carley Czyzewski
Ray Szyperski

Monarch Staff

Rachel Amstutz, Annapolis
Kim Jakovics, Glen Burnie

The Children's Guild

Dr. Andrew Ross
Josh Sutherland
Aleisa Fries
Dr. Duane Arbogast
Dr. Gary Kellner
Steve Baldwin

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Dr. Jimenez
Meeting called to order at 6:12pm.
2. Review Minutes – Dr. Jimenez (*see attachments*)
Minutes can not be approved due to lack of quorum.
Will review and approve at next meeting.
3. Public Comment – Dr. Jimenez
 - Monarch Academy Annapolis parent expresses disappointment that she was not notified (by way other than a letter sent home) when Principal and Assistant Principal resigned. She gives praise to the school psychologist whom she says has helped dramatically. She stated an opinion that the school needs additional resources for students requiring additional behavioral support.
 - Monarch Academy Annapolis Principal responds by informing the PTA and Board members that there is a severe shortage in the county for teachers.
 - Monarch Academy Annapolis PTA President questions the protocol set in place by Anne Arundel County Board of Education.
 - MAA Principal responds by informing that the AA Co. Board of Ed. current protocol is to send a letter informing parents of any staff changes at the school, but there is no timeline as to how soon this should be done following staff member's resignation or termination.
 - The Children's Guild CEO reiterates that The Children's Guild is available to support the school's needs, explains the stages of development and guidelines around opening and running a charter school.
 - Dr. Ross presented Kelly Spanoghe, Chief of Learning at The Children's Guild as a resource for parents.
SpanogheK@childrensguild.org
 - Monarch Academy Annapolis Principal and Chief of Educational Services at The Children's Guild will meet to determine root cause of mentioned concerns and resolutions for discussion.

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4. Financial Update – Mr. Sutherland

- Projected budget is slightly offset due to lack of enrollment at Monarch Academy Annapolis.
- Stated that FY20-21 will essentially come in at budget when all Anne Arundel schools are combined, due to variances in each that balance each other. All schools receive the same funding just have different operating expenses.

5. Local Issues – Dr. Ross

- Annapolis Townhouse construction project and Penthouse permits – Monarch Academy Annapolis Principal reports there has been little to no impact for the school.
 - PTA received a \$5,000 payment from Mr. Shaw, MAA landlord.
- Annapolis Library Close Out - The library has donated many school books and supplies to the school. The space will be converted into more classrooms and meeting space for MAA.

6. Kids First – Dr. Kellner

Invitations were distributed and board members were asked to bring family and friends to Kids First Event on March 28, 2020 at the B&O Railroad Museum. Sponsorship brochures were also distributed.

7. Legislative Agenda – Dr. Arbogast

Legislation are reviewing schools with poverty. Monarch Academy Annapolis is not yet at the level to be considered (currently at 60%, legislative law is looking at schools with <80%).

- According to current trend it is projected to be applicable to MAA in FY23.
- This will raise the teacher's salary.
- This change will allow the school to receive more money per student.

8. Principal's Report presented

- Monarch Annapolis – Ms. Amstutz
- Monarch Glen Burnie – Ms. Jakovics

9. Other Business (if any) – Dr. Jimenez

The Children's Guild requested \$500K to improve the gym at Monarch Academy Annapolis but was denied. Executive team is looking to be considered for a community or senator grant instead.

10. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.