



Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel
Board of Directors Meeting
April 15, 2020
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Attendees

Dr. Sissy Jimenez
Eric DeVito
Loise Taliaferro
Amber Marcheso
Shae Delfino
Carley Czyzewski
Kandace Hoppin
Ray Szyperski
Jess Deinlein

Not in Attendance

Megan Philbeck
Janine Fratantuono
Marc Rodriguez

Monarch Staff

Rachel Amstutz, Annapolis
Kim Jakovics, Glen Burnie
Donna O'Shea

The Children's Guild

Dr. Andrew Ross
Kathy Lane
Amanda Henck
Aleisa Fries
Dr. Duane Arbogast
Dr. Gary Kellner
Brandon Turner
Steve Baldwin

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Dr. Jimenez
Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Dr. Jimenez.
2. Review Minutes – Dr. Jimenez (*see attachments*)
Minutes from meetings on September 18, 2019, December 11, 2019 and February 12, 2020 were reviewed and approved by Board. (Could not be approved at prior meetings due to lack of quorum.)
3. Feedback on Distance Learning - Ms. Lane
 - The Children's Guild has established a Distance Learning platform on Microsoft Teams as well as a multi-tiered level of support for staff and students to include a variety of teams focused on all school issues, lesson planning, mental health, and wellness.
 - Every student has access to the Distance Learning environment.

How are the students responding? How are the teachers doing? How can the Board help?

 - Ms. Taliaferro suggested gathering data to analyze student attendance and lesson completion rates.
 - Communication with families throughout this time has been consistent. Contact has been made to request feedback and troubleshoot any concerns.
 - There is an "Academic Aggression Recruitment Plan" in place which is already showing significant academic regression.
4. Current Status on Monarch Annapolis Gym Renovation Grant from Anne Arundel County Government – Ms. Lane
 - Submitted Anne Arundel County Community Capital Grant for over \$300k requesting Michael E. Bush Performing Arts Center to transform the gym into a more suitable environment for community use and students at Monarch Academy Annapolis.

- Support and feedback are requested from the community and Board by the end of June.
5. Progress toward obtaining Permit from City of Annapolis for Monarch Annapolis Renovations and Playground – Ms. Lane
 - Renovations of the penthouse have been paused until the proper permit is obtained. The City is requesting pictures of the land.
 - Mr. DeVito suggests going onto Google Earth to get an aerial view of the specified area.
 - The Children's Guild is planning to build out the school into the now vacant, library space but this project will also be delayed until we get the permit for the playground.
 - The townhouse construction has been going according to plan and is not impacting school at all.
 6. Admission & Recruitment Efforts – Mr. Turner
 - There are currently 165 applications for Monarch Annapolis.
 - Email was sent out to invite families and friends to the virtual open house.
 - The Children's Guild now has an online registration platform.
 - It is estimated that 500 students still need to register.
 - Recruitment in Annapolis has been difficult.
 - Working on a social media campaign - hoping to spread awareness that families can complete registration and document submission electronically.
 - Working on a "Stay Home" sticker as a frame for social media posts- Asking families and staff to take pictures and share on Facebook with sticker.
 7. Summer Arts Camp – Mr. Turner & Ms. Lane

Reviewed camp website and introduced programs offered to Monarch families and waitlist. <https://monarchacademy.org/camp/>
 8. Other Business (if any) – Dr. Jimenez

None
 9. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.