



Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel
Board of Directors Meeting
September 12, 2019
Monarch Academy Annapolis
Annapolis, MD
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Dr. Jimenez
Meeting called to order at 6:15pm.
2. Review Minutes – Dr. Jimenez (*see attachment*)
Minutes reviewed and approved by Board Members.
3. Public Comment – Dr. Jimenez
Monarch Academy Annapolis PTA President addressed construction next to school to build houses; concerns with use of Capital Drive and safety for students.
 - Addressed as agenda item #8
4. Presentation to Eric DeVito, Outgoing Chair – Dr. Ross
Dr. Ross presented Mr. DeVito with a plaque of appreciation and expressed gratitude for his role as Board Chair.
5. Awareness of the terms of each Charter Agreement – Ms. Lane
Ms. Lane presented and explained the terms of each Charter Agreement highlighting the responsibilities as an operator.



Monarch Annapolis
Contract.pdf



Fully Executed
Contract



Monarch Global
Contract Agreement

6. End of the year outcomes - PARCC, iReady, Discipline, Attendance – Ms. Lane
Ms. Lane presented outcomes throughout Anne Arundel schools.
 - Outcomes show improvement throughout; any variances explained.
 - Mentionable grand improvement for Monarch Glen Burnie – Principal, Kim Jakovics explained the reason for such improvement is her skilled teachers and teamwork by all staff.
 - PARCC will no longer be utilized; new test will recast baselines.
7. Climate/Culture - Integration and Deployment of TranZed 8 – Ms. Lane
Ms. Lane presented the TranZed 8.



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8. Local issues – Ms. Lane & Dr. Ross

- Annapolis Townhouse construction Project
42 townhomes are being built next to Monarch Annapolis, approved in 2008. Project starts October 2019; projected completion by Dec 2020.
Concern is egress to community, traffic and parking on Capital Drive.
 - Ms. Lane has asked the landlord, Steve Shaw, and the Mayor to attend the PTA Board meeting on October 7th to discuss parking, signage on Capital Drive and changing the fence line to mesh to increase student safety. PTA would like to confirm ownership of Capital Drive to ensure construction does not affect school transportation.
 - Communication to inform student families of this process will be sent out before the start of construction.
 - It is recommended to ask the Police Department to have an officer direct school traffic rather than school employee during this time.
- Glen Burnie 10 year celebration
Event was a success and celebrated the school's 10 year history.
- Global - Laurel Race Track impact
Mr. Szyperski has set up a meeting at Laurel Race Track to invite members to visit the school.
Goal is to advise the community of school familiarity and needs.
- Ribbon Cutting event at Monarch Annapolis
Anne Arundel County donated \$500K to build a new playground at Monarch Annapolis. This playground will also be used as an outside classroom.
Ribbon cutting will take place on September 20th; all are invited.

9. Principal's Reports (see attached)

- Monarch Annapolis – Rachel Amstutz
- Monarch Glen Burnie – Kim Jakovics
- Monarch Global – Donna O'Shea

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

- School Transportation
 - Increased routes to 13 from 11 stops; students were continuing to enroll.
 - Offered incentives to motivate bus drivers and keep morale.
 - New dispatcher hired.
 - 4 substitute bus drivers were hired to fill attendance gaps as needed.
 - Text communication system is now available.
 - Loading kindergarteners on the bus first to ensure safety and seating at front of the bus; students will also be provided with stickers to reflect stop.
 - School staff are assisting as bus monitors to travel on routes.
 - Discussed protocol for bus accidents.
 - PTA recommended that Monarch utilize the "Here Comes the Bus" application to track exact bus location; Monarch will follow up.
- 2nd grade lunch schedule
 - PTA President suggested that all second graders have lunch at the same time.
 - Will be added as agenda item for next meeting

11. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.