



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

Attendees

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

Not in Attendance

Megan Philbeck
Janine Fratantuono
Marc Rodriguez
Ray Szyperki
Jess Deinlein

Monarch Staff

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

The Children's Guild

Dr. Andrew Ross
Kathy Lane
Aleisa Fries
Dr. Gary Kellner
Brandon Turner

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Dr. Jimenez
Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm by Dr. Jimenez.

2. Review Minutes – Dr. Jimenez
Correction to minutes from June 10, 2020: Kandace Hoppin was in attendance.
Revised Minutes from meeting June 10, 2020 were approved.

3. Enrollment Updates – Mr. Turner



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4. Plan for Distance Learning & Start of School – Ms. Lane
 - Hybrid learning model has been developed and in final review for all schools.
 - Schools are following set guidelines from AACPS and CDC requirements for Re-Entry transition planning.
 - Plans will be presented in Principals Report (Agenda item #6)
5. Update on Physical Plant Projects – Ms. Lane & Dr. Ross
 - Annapolis – Brain Path, Classrooms, Penthouse
 - The Brain Path has been completed along entry hallways of the school- an interactive journey on how our senses integrate to form memory.
 - Classrooms and bathrooms will be built out of the recently vacant library space. Project completion expected by the time students return.
 - The Penthouse renovation of the third floor is in process. This area will be used as an open space for large gatherings, i.e., student activities and staff meetings.
 - Laurel – Playground
 - The playground update proposals are currently in the process of being reviewed.

6. Monarch Annapolis Preschool Initiative with Anne Arundel County – Ms. Amstutz

- To date, there have been 53 applications received.
- The Preschool will start with 100% virtual instruction (as all schools are instructed) until in person instruction reconvenes.
- Have received funding from the state to offer 60 tuition-paid seats for students who are income eligible. (*income eligible = 300% of the poverty level)
- Also accepting applications for paid seats for students who are not income eligible for tuition assistance. (expected to be 1/3 of registrants)
- Ms. Amstutz will send marketing materials to the Board for community distribution.

7. Diversity Issues and Work at Monarch Glen Burnie – Ms. Jakovics

- A survey (created by Student Alliance) was distributed to all students to measure and ensure that each student feels heard, safe, valued, and supported.
 - 75% of students requested further conversation with Administrators at the school for additional “safe space” open dialogue.
- Organized book study for teachers.
 - “*White Fragility*” by Robin DiAngelo was read by teachers with the intent to enhance cultural awareness within the community.
- Ms. Jakovics revised and reconstructed the crew in Middle School to be more intentional with themes and instruction around diversity and inclusiveness.
- Highlighted National Pride article: [Feducation.org/news/students-are-keeping-pride-alive](https://www.education.org/news/students-are-keeping-pride-alive)

8. Principal's Report & Plan for Distance Learning/Start of School

- Monarch Annapolis/Integrated Performing Arts – Ms. Amstutz
- Monarch Glen Burnie – Ms. Jakovics
- Monarch Global – Ms. O’Shea

All reports can be viewed at: <https://www.smores.com/prz12>

9. Kids First – Dr. Kellner

- Food Distribution
 - To date, The Children's Guild has distributed food to an average of 260 families per week.
 - Moving from a temporary site to a permanent site to allow distribution of 7.5 tons of food bi-weekly.
- Chromebook Initiative
 - 95% / \$121,000 of the funds received for Kids First Campaign in addition to numerous community donations were used to buy Chromebooks students at all schools. This initiative gave us the opportunity to ensure that every student had a Chromebook in their possession at the time virtual learning began.

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

- Housing project around Monarch Annapolis
 - Making great progress, expected completion by December 2020.

11. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.