



Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 10, 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 Szyperski  
Jess Deinlein

**Monarch Staff**

Rachel Amstutz, Annapolis  
Kim Jakovics, Glen Burnie  
Mike McDowell, Global

**The Children's Guild**

Dr. Andrew Ross  
Kathy Lane  
Aleisa Fries  
Dr. Duane Arbogast  
Dr. Gary Kellner

**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  
Minutes from meeting April 15, 2020 were approved.
3. Updates on Enrollment & Distance Learning – Ms. Lane
  - Established Electronic Virtual Enrollment Process - DocuSign.
  - Monarch Glen Burnie and Monarch Global Academy are both at capacity for enrollment and have waitlist.
  - Monarch Academy Annapolis has 221 applications/104 registered (dramatic increase from last year)
  - Have reached 100% of students - not lost any in transition, kept constant communication with families.
4. Principal's Report:  
<https://www.smore.com/62kdh-monarch-academy-board-update>
  - Monarch Annapolis – Ms. Amstutz
    - Applications for registration exceeding seats available
    - Launched eSchool Virtual Academy
    - School is now fully staffed for SY20-21
    - All permits received; construction making progress ahead of schedule
  - Monarch Glen Burnie – Ms. Jakovics
    - Enrollment remains stable, keeping school at capacity
    - Numerous repairs have been made during closure to improve school
    - Student Services Team has been contacting 190 students per week to continue behavioral support and lesson assistance.
  - Monarch Global – Mr. McDowell
    - This is the first year that Middle School will have 300 students; have successfully adjusted staffing to accommodate student needs
    - Playground and flooring repairs have been completed

5. Kids First – Dr. Kellner

- Food Distribution
  - Currently partnering with churches and receiving food donations from the community
  - Currently serving 40 families per week in Annapolis (Students and Staff)
  - This initiative is expected to continue for 6 more weeks
- Chromebook Initiative
  - Objective is to ensure each student has a device for Virtual Learning (1:1), additional Chromebooks are provided on an as needed basis
  - Plan presented to show Chromebook and Hotspot Distribution throughout campuses (attached)
  - Grants are being considered and donations have been appreciated
  - IT support is readily available for families once Chromebooks are in hand

6. Update on Physical Plant Projects – Ms. Lane

- Renovation Updates were included in each Principal's Report
- Installing Sound System from Baltimore campus to Annapolis campus to enhance Arts Integration and Theatre experiences

7. Transformation Theater Company Summer Camp – Ms. Lane

- Camp will be postponed until next year due to CDC requirements and restrictions around Covid-19
- Weekend workshops are being considered throughout school year to introduce the idea

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

- 3 Board Members are completing term; Board should vote via email
- Dr. Ross asks Board Members to put thought into the Strategic Plan for next school year

9. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.