Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel

Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2021

ZOOM

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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| **Attendees** | **Not in Attendance** | **Monarch Staff** | **The Children’s Guild** |
| Dr. Sissy Jimenez  Eric DeVito  Carley Czyzewski  Kandace Hoppin  Janine Fratantuono  Angela Balsamo  Elizabeth Noble | Marc Rodriquez  Jess Deinlein  Loise Taliaferro  Amber Marcheso  Megan Philbeck  Ray Szyperski  Shae Delfino | Paul DeRoo, Annapolis  Kim Jakovics, Glen Burnie  Emily Abell, Global | Jenny Livelli  Kathy Lane  Aleisa Fries  Brandon Turner  Charley Gordon |

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Dr. Jimenez

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Dr. Jimenez

1. Public Comment – Dr. Jimenez

None

1. Introduction of Jenny Livelli, new President & CEO – Dr. Jimenez

Jenny Livelli introduced as new President and CEO for The Children’s Guild.

1. Review Minutes – Dr. Jimenez

Meeting minutes from February 10th meeting were reviewed but **could not be approved due to lack to quorum.**

1. Principal’s Report

* Monarch Glen Burnie – Ms. Jakovics

<https://www.smore.com/hdzqv>

* + The outdoor classroom & recreational space development project is moving forward as planned.
* The goal is to raise $20, 000 for the inside of the greenhouse with fundraiser incentives through Boosterthon/FunRun
  + Professional Development is focused on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism with guest speakers:
* Kyle Yearwood-spoke about his artwork
* Board Members from Magic Gardens in Philadelphia
* Founder of Minds on Fire
* Many more to follow!
  + Social Justice Club (middle schoolers at MGB) started a podcast; first episode was on how racism has affected them. View here: [Podcast](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QZsfFjX3zps4INnFGu1iFDH5WSZBDLMi/view)
  + Upcoming student led conferences will be held on May 19 & 26th , 2021.
  + Using CARES grant money to provide Social-Emotional trauma professional development seminar for teachers at the end of the school year.
  + School will be featured by Expeditionary Learning (EL Education).
* Monarch Global – Ms. Abell

[MGA Board report](https://www.smore.com/1qecy)

* CARES Grant funding is still being utilized for technology upgrades, student supplies and enriched experiences at the school.
* Interior upgrades are completed: flooring in media center was replaced and living wall at entry was refreshed.
* The staff book study continues to read: “White Fragility” and “Coaching for Equity”.
* The Support team continues to host monthly “Coffee Talks” with parents to assist parents with supporting their students’ needs.
* New playground is now open and students (and staff) are loving it!
* The school was re-accredited by International Baccalaureate Program.
* Monarch Annapolis – Mr. DeRoo

[MAA Board Report](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1u79xam20UJ7Z8Klkw3IX-Z3drribaTr1sgvebDoI7uI/edit?usp=sharing)

* Introduction of Mr. Paul DeRoo, Acting Principal
* Mr. DeRoo is concentrating on school climate control, infrastructure, mentoring of staff, community connection and planning for the School Improvement Plan (SIP), 21-22 SY goals, budget and staffing.
* Using CARES Funding for student tutoring
* Now offering 15 online clubs to include: Nature, Ukulele, Chess, Art, Bucket Band, etc.)
* PTA/Boosterthon raised nearly $30,000 this cycle for school needs.
* E-School at MAA celebrated its first year with 104 students and above 95% attendance rate.
* MAA continues to establish proactive strategies to promote positive student behaviors and coping skills.
* Open House: April 17th at 11:00am.

1. Proposed Committee Structure – Ms. Lane

* The Children’s Guild/Kathy Lane is proposing to establish subcommittees within the Board to oversee the functions of the schools.
* Board Members to select their team at next meeting.
  + - Governance Committee
* Need focus on recruitment for additional, more diverse Board members
* Current Board President term ends June 2021
* Need Vice Chair
  + - Marketing, Enrollment, Finance & Facilities Committee (MEFF)
    - Parent Engagement, Academic Excellence & Compliance Committee (PEAC)
* **Ms. Lane will provide committee roles and responsibilities by next meeting.**

1. Current Financial Report – Mr. Gordon



* Mr. Gordon reports out for the quarter through February as the availability of the analysis is a month behind.
* Total operating expenses are running below projected budget and ahead of last year expenses- great news!
* **Starting next meeting, Mr. Gordon will present** **comparison of budgets from other Non-profits to the Monarchs.**

1. Other Business
   * Current Applications and Recruitment Strategy – Mr. Turner



* Waitlist for Glen Burnie and Global
* GB- 517
* Global- 57
* Annapolis continues to be the primary focus for the Admissions and Marketing team efforts.
* Need 247 more students to reach MAA Goals
* Yard signs will be distributed to graduates of each school
  + Transformation Theatre Co. Summer Camp - Ms. Lane



* The Children’s Guild is hosting a 6-week camp at Monarch Academy Annapolis this summer for the purpose of marketing and to introduce the new Arts Integration program at our schools.
* Camp is open to any student, grade K-8, that resides in Anne Arundel County.
* Asking all Board members to promote the camp.
  + Other Business (if any)  
    The (2) ‘Teacher of the Year’ candidates Monarch Schools will be recognized by Anne Arundel County Board of Education tomorrow, April 15th at 6:30pm:
* Sonja Bolotin – MGB
* Maria Cummings - MGA

1. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.