Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel

Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2021

ZOOM

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. OPEN BOARD MEETING

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

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Dr. Jimenez (6:00 pm)  
   Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Dr. Jimenez
2. Public Comment – Dr. Jimenez

The Children’s Guild and Monarch Academy Board welcomes the new PTA President at Monarch Glen Burnie, Brittany Jones.

1. Review Minutes – Dr. Jimenez

The meeting minutes from February 10th and April 14th meeting were reviewed and **approved.**

1. Principal’s Report

Principals and teachers by are recognized by Ms. Lane, Chief Education Officer, for “showing great passion, compassion, dedication and resilience throughout this challenging school year.”

* Monarch Annapolis – Mr. DeRoo, Acting Principal



* MAA now has 2 Assistant Principals; looking to hire one more
* Ms. Amstutz, Principal, is still on leave
* The Board will be notified when this status changes
* School Improvement Plan (SIP), Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Vision Planning: areas of focus presented
* Transformation Theatre Camp starts on July 5, 2021(link below)
* Summer School PreK starts on July 6, 2021
* Monarch Glen Burnie – Ms. Jakovics

<https://www.smore.com/974n3>

* Currently in the permitting phase for outdoor renovation
* Projected date of completion is September 2021
* Raised $30,000 for greenhouse by having a fundraiser at the school
* Providing one-on-one tutoring through Huntington Learning Center for 40 students
* Students participated in Student Lead Conferences with staff and peers
* “Better World Day” allowed an opportunity for students to participate: in a live, virtual session with artist, Kyle Yearwood. Mr. Yearwood focuses on finding one’s purpose and using one’s talents to make a difference
* Students made activity books for children of the firefighters who staffed the vaccination clinic for AACPS
* Leadership examined and analyzed student work to determine needs for growth (done twice annually)
* Monarch Global – Ms. O’Shea

<https://www.smore.com/1qecy>

* The school sent out a flier to feeder schools in the surrounding areas with the intent to recruit new students for kindergarten and first grade
* Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) interviews are underway to determine AVID 6th grade class for SY21-22. Goal is to encourage students to attend college
* Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS): Adopted three Ron Clark Houses, a nonprofit providing shelter and resources to homeless families. House members are washing cars to raise money for the houses
* Continuing to hold monthly coffee talks with parents
* Collaborative Student Inquiry (CSI): 8th grade students have submitted final project to give feedback about experiences at MGA- **please read!**
* PTA Update: Students are investing “dojo dollars” into charities of their choice. The PTA is taking those funds and donating “real dollars” to those chosen charities

1. Board membership – Dr. Jimenez
   * Board member Terms



* Vacant Positions: Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer
* Bylaws attached to define position descriptions:



* + Nominate Officers for 2021-22
* 3 current Board members are up for renomination in 2021:

Sissy Jimenez (Chair)

Loise Taliaferro

Jess Deinlein

* Renomination can not occur at this meeting due to lack of quorum
* **Those up for renomination should send an email to the Board members to seek approval for renomination or wait until next meeting when a quorum is present**
  + Nominations of new members
* Asking each Board member to reach out to professional network with intent to fill seats and build a more robust, engaged Board in the fall
* The Board is asking The Children’s Guild to consider hosting an open house or retreat to “meet and greet” potential new members
* All Board members should send resumes and contact information to Ms. Lane and Ms. Jimenez for review and introduction.
* **Asking each Board member to invite one person/potential candidate to next meeting in September**
  + Meeting calendar 2021-22



* Ms. Lane has proposed the Board Meeting calendar for upcoming school year for approval
* Meetings will start in September this year rather than August and be held every other month to follow
* Schedule can not be approved at this meeting due to lack of a quorum. **E-mail will be sent for vote post meeting.**

1. Committee Membership- Appoint Chairs and Committee members – Dr. Jimenez

The Children’s Guild is suggesting that once the Board has participation at capacity, members should express their interest to be appointed into at least one of the following committees:



* + Governance Committee
  + Marketing, Enrollment, Finance & Facilities Committee (MEFF)
  + Parent Engagement, Academic Excellence & Compliance Committee (PEAC)

1. Current Financial Report – Mr. Gordon (7:30 – 7:40 pm)



* Mr. Gordon presents budget as of 4/30/2021 due to timing of report

1. Other Business (7:40 – 8:00 pm)
   * Current Applications and Recruitment Strategy – Mr. Turner



* MAA continues to be the primary focus of the Admissions team
* School registration is active and open until September 30th at 4pm or until school is at capacity
* Mr. Turner has created a “Think Tank” group to think of new marketing initiatives and ideas from the school staff and community
* Upcoming events and community outreach efforts presented
* The Open House at MAA is next Wednesday, June 16th at 4pm
* Brandon will send a link to the Board members for registration
* The Board is requesting advance notification of events for participation
* Mr. Turner and Ms. Lane will follow up re: AACPS magnet school open houses
* The Board suggests to consider selling spirit wear and collateral
* The Children’s Guild has partnered with Land’s End to make spirit wear. Monarch Academy will consider joining in this effort
* Monarch Academy car magnets and graduation yard signs have been ordered and will be distributed to families prior to the last day of school
  + Transformation Theatre Co. Summer Camp - Ms. Lane

<https://monarchacademy.org/camp/>

* Grant has allowed MAA to offer scholarships for camp.
* The camp is open to rising Pre-K to rising 8th grade students in Anne Arundel County.

Camp Budget and Registration update (to date):



* + Other Business
* The Board Chair will send a letter to the Principals and school leaders acknowledging their service and thanking them for their efforts this year

1. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez (8:00 pm)

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.