Monarch Academy, Anne Arundel

Board of Directors Meeting

November 10, 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** |
| Kandace Hoppin  Carley Czyzewski  Ray Szyperski  Jess Deinlein | Dr. Sissy Jimenez  Brittany Jones  Loise Taliaferro  Megan Philbeck  Janine Fratantuono  Marc Rodriquez  Amber Marcheso  Shae Delfino  Eric DeVito  Angela Balsamo | Kim Jakovics, Glen Burnie  Donna O’Shea, Annapolis  Emily Abell, Global  April Murphy, Global | Kathy Lane  Aleisa Fries  Brandon Turner  Charley Gordon |

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Ms. Hoppin on behalf of Dr. Jimenez

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Ms. Hoppin on behalf of Dr. Jimenez.

1. Public Comment

None

1. Review Minutes – Ms. Hoppin on behalf of Dr. Jimenez

The meeting minutes from September 8 could not be formally approved due to lack of quorum.

1. Current Financial Report – Mr. Gordon



The budget quarter ended on September 30, 2021.

* Current year revenues are below budget but ahead of prior year
* Current year operating expenses are below budget but ahead of prior year
* This is mostly due to onsite learning vs remote learning last year, specifically increased transportation and facilities related costs

1. Principal’s Report

* Monarch Glen Burnie – Ms. Jakovics

<https://www.smore.com/zdsy0>

* ‘Monarch Academy Work Plan goals’ updates were provided
* MGB created a “Crew Council” for students to provide an opportunity for leadership development and student feedback
* The turf field has been installed. Teachers are using this new refined space for instruction in addition to recess
* Kindergarteners and 8th graders have taken “field work” trips outside of the school to explore Enriched Experiences. Other grades will soon follow
* MGB began a composting program in the café and have already composted over 600 lbs. of food this marking period
* Monarch Global – Ms. Abell

<https://www.smore.com/5mzbs>

* Introduction of Ms. April Murphy, new Assistant Principal at MGA
* Major COVID 19 impact; #2 in district for positive cases with 7 outbreaks by mid-October which led to a temporary pause of in-person learning and transitions back to virtual learning for one week.
* Replaced all HVAC system filters with Merv-13 filters, started using fans and keeping windows cracked
* High touch cleaning was done throughout the school
* No issues or positive cases since students returned to school
* Started Wednesday “Explorations” for middle school students. These are student led groups and activities
* Continuing the journey to become a certified AVID program
* This year, MGA welcomed 3 new 6th grade teachers and many new 6th grade students
* Monarch Annapolis Ms. O’Shea

<https://www.smore.com/u1sqt>

* Ms. O’Shea continues as acting Principal at MAA while Ms. Manbeck is out on leave
* Plans are underway (paperwork has been submitted to be accredited) to have teaching staff 100% officially IB-PYP trained by February 8, 2022
* 40 students nominated for “Learner Profile Awards”- showing attributes Inquirer and Risk-Taker in September and October
* Moving to 41 classes beginning in December because Eschool took off- added classes at 1st, 4th and 5th grade
* MAA has become a Title 1 school (with 58% free and reduced lunches) and will become school wide and open all benefits to every students.

1. Current Enrollment by school and Recruitment Strategy – Mr. Turner



* The current and count day census for each school presented
* The Children’s Guild has a new marketing team led by Liesa Ross
* Open houses next week at all Monarch schools to close out lottery

1. Board membership
   * Nominations of new members

* **This agenda item is tabled** until Chair of Board is present, and quorum is achieved
* Ms. Lane will work with Dr. Jimenez with the intent to invite new members to the Board meetings

1. Committee Membership- Appoint Chairs and Committee members (Committee Descriptions Attached)

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Ms. Fries will send by-laws to current members for review

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

1. Other Business

* The admissions team participated in Dia De Las Muertos event at Maryland Hall last Saturday, October 30th with great participation from the community
* Board meetings will remain Virtual until at least January 2022, **this will be an agenda item** at that time

1. Adjournment – Dr. Jimenez

Monarch Anne Arundel Board Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.