

Monarch Elementary School PTA
Board Meeting Minutes
March 6th, 2020

- I. Call to Order at 9:32am
- II. Roll Call: Melissa Christiano, Lisa Furmanek, Barbara Harvey, Aimee Heard, Vaughan Overman, Stacey Roberts, Lori Stuart, Sarah Zering
- III. Minutes approval from January and board/chair reports from January and February. All were emailed out. Lisa motioned to approve and Barbara seconded. Minutes approved.
- IV. Active Agenda
 - A. Principal's Report, Vaughan Overman

The school district is taking precautions for coronavirus. Hand washing is the number one priority, and keeping children who are sick at home is also important. Teachers have been asked to monitor hand washing before lunch and after toileting. Antibacterial spray is being used by teachers with children before eating. Chromebooks are being used inappropriately and taken up a classroom at a time to be scrubbed. Children are finding work arounds for the security measures. PBL day is coming up on Tuesday, March 10th, 830am-1130am with approximately 20 people visiting. They will be going to classrooms to see PBL after an introduction in Room 305. Staff are going to Sparetime for bowling, laser tag and food on Wednesday afternoon. In regards to concern about the Chinese Acrobats performance, the children in the performance were from the United States. The GCS calendar for 2020-2021 has been published.
 - B. Treasurer's Report – B. Harvey

Budget Overview

Mother-Son event showed some profit. Father-Daughter Dance netted ~\$6500. The photographer in the art room worked out well as did the item sales. Some teachers still have monies not claimed or submitted from Boosterthon. Mrs. Overman will follow up with teachers to spend and submit their money. Lori S. would like to know how much Boosterthon money is left that could be used to help SIC purchase playground equipment for the special needs classrooms. The special needs classes need to pick the equipment and give the list to the PTA to purchase. Cost and space need to be considered. The three drinking fountains and fillers are paid for and pending receipt. Barbara is scheduled to meet with Tracy, the previous treasurer, regarding questions about the budget in order to provide answers to the questions about how much money is left in Boosterthon and overall funds for the year. At least \$15,000 needs to be left for carryover for next year.
 - C. President's Report, L. Stuart
 - a. Staff Appreciation Week coming up next week
 1. Donation Needs and Support. Phone blast needs to include a reminder about supporting classroom and related arts teachers as well as a reminder about the signup genius for related arts donations being on facebook and monarchpta.org. Room parents have sent out teacher wishlists. Teachers will have bags for donations for related arts teachers.
 2. Logistics. Lori needs an updated staff list with t-shirt sizes. Lisa will help man the popcorn and movie tickets on Monday to relieve Lori. Lori and Melissa will decorate the popcorn and movie ticket room and man it. Wednesday and Friday signups for donations are full. Lori and Melissa will set up Wednesday desserts and restock as needed. Thursday, Lori needs help picking up and distributing related arts items. Melissa will help. Depending on the donations that come in, the PTA may need to cover donations for the remaining bus drivers, traffic patrol, and cafeteria staff if they are not fulfilled. PTA will also ensure that each staff member gets enough. Next year, it may help to send out related arts requests by grade level as people may not look through multiple pages of signups. On Friday, Chelsea, Jenn Goldy and Lisa will man the hospitality luncheon, and Lori will order the food for Friday from Uncle Bertos.
 - b. Carnival Update – A. Heard. Updated calendar of events provided. The t-shirt purchase deadline has been extended by a week, until March 13, as orders are coming in slowly. The PTA will provide the board and administration with t-shirts. Aimee will get ticket order forms to Mrs. Overman to review along with the teacher signup. The only vendor we are waiting on is Lowes Foods for the cakes as they have a new manager. Fuddruckers is being replaced by a Taco Truck. The Swamp Rabbits want to come and bring a blowup, players, and their mascots at no cost. The blowup is very large and will fit on the basketball court

if that is possible. Mrs. Overman approved this. While they are bringing it at no cost, we will still charge tickets for fundraising. Aimee will consider adding something else out back in order to draw people out there. The blowup can be blown up anytime the day of Monapalooza as long as it is not left unattended. Discussed possible dates for next year now that GCS calendar is published. This needs to be decided before the carnival date this year so that it can be booked.

- c. Silent Auction Update – M. Christiano. Some new sponsor contributions have been received as well as lots of past sponsor contributions. There are new people helping with asks. Aimee will send out “At a Glance” regarding the auction website on 3/27. Additional information will be sent out before this date. Melissa needs to schedule dates for additional outgoing information.
 - d. STEAM Day Update – L. Stuart. Partners and sessions are set. Logo is set. Dates are set for information to be sent out. Team is in place for next year.
 - e. Walk at School Day. Scheduled for next school year in October.
 - f. Reflections Awards Date and Of The Year Awards. Need to set dates. It will be hosted in the library with a brunch. Of the Year Awards will happen at the same time and place. Discussed the need to continue doing Of the Year Awards since the school does its own teacher of the year, 5th grader of the year receives very few votes, and support staff of the year is usually the same people. Since PTA volunteer of the year is the only other award, it was decided that there will no longer be any Of the Year Awards. Mrs. Overman will notify staff.
 - g. Spirit Nights – M. Christiano. Fuddruckers was last night. A family went and staff were unaware it was spirit night. The manager also was not aware. Melissa got in touch to ensure we received credit. Due to this and ongoing communication issues, we will not be doing spirit nights with them anymore. We need to focus more locally. Barefoot Acres in Fountain Inn is interested in doing spirit nights.
 - h. Announcements/Updates None
- V. Open Discussion/New Business. Since Teacher of the Month and Of the Year Awards have been done away with partly due to bias, is Terrific Kids also in this realm? Is it popularity based? Students select Terrific Kid based on specific criteria. Mrs. Overman will discuss this with staff.
- VI. Adjourn - 11:00am
Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1st 9:30am-10:30am in the conference room. May meeting will be offsite as it is the board transition meeting.

“Start where you are, use what you have, do what you can”

-Arthur Ashe

Upcoming Dates:

March 9-13th – Staff Appreciation Week
March 13th – Hospitality Lunch for Staff
March 14th – Monarch’s 5K Registration at 9:30am
March 15th – Monarch’s 5K Rain date at 1:30pm
March 16th – Deadline for Class Basket Donations for Silent Auction
March 17th – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night 5-8pm
March 19th – End 3rd Quarter
March 20th – Teacher Professional Development – No School
March 23rd – Make Up Day #3/Room 305 Blocked for Monapalooza work
March 26th – BMX Programming
March 27th – 3rd Report Cards Due
April 1st – WEDNESDAY PTA Executive Board Meeting 9:30-10:30am
April 2nd – Tropical Smoothie Spirit Night
April 3rd – Monapalooza/Last day to buy yearbooks
April 4th – Silent Auction pick up at Monarch @10am
April 7th – Principal and Admin Assistant “For A Day”
April 9th – Teacher Dates 3-4:15pm
April 10th – Make Up Day #2