

Monarch Elementary PTA Board

Meeting Agenda

October 2, 2015 - 9:30am

Board Members: Alicia Delaney, Carol Beard, Colleen Barnes, Erica Wingate, Katherine Davis, Kerrie Kish, Lori Quarles, Nancy Shepard, Paige Winch, Rachel Kelly, Shelly Strohmaier, Susan Hodge, Vaughan Overman

<p>Call to Order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 9:34 • Members in Attendance/Absent Noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Present: Carol Beard, Colleen Barnes, Erica Wingate, Kerrie Kish, Lori Quarles, Nancy Shepard, Paige Winch, Rachel Kelly, Shelly Strohmaier, Susan Hodge, Vaughan Overman ○ Absent: Alicia Delaney, Katherine Davis • Agenda Agreement
<p>Consent Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve made by Nancy Shepard. Seconded by Shelly Strohmaier. Motion passes unanimously • Committee Reports (see reports section) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ways & Means - Rachel ○ Programs & Services - Lori ○ Membership - Alicia ○ Business Partners - Katherine ○ Volunteers - Paige
<p>Active Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal's Report - Vaughan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Things are going great. We all feel the growing pains with parking. The school is will add a few more visitor spots. Boosterthon is in progress and going great. Make up pictures will be next Tuesday. Reflections deadline is Monday; Mrs. Kish will put everyone who submits a visual arts and photography entry in a drawing for art sets. Student led conferences have begun. The school is taking a look into purchasing of chrome books for testing. They would like to purchase 3-4 class sets of chrome books before spring map testing. Mrs. Overman is still getting final price. Meet Your Health Care Neighbor is Nov 10. If there are any stations we want let Mrs. Overman know • President's Report - Colleen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Members of the PTA Executive Board attended the Superintendent's breakfast on Tues. The helping hands budget was discussed. In the past increasing the budget if needed had been discussed. In order to keep up with the needs of our families, the budget needs to increase. There are about 10 families that need some support for Washington. Shelly proposes to increase the helping hands line item to \$3000. The increase will be taken from School Improvement. Susan Hodge made a motion, Nancy Shepard seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Shelly will make an adjustment and send to state of South Carolina. We do not need to revote the new budget based on this adjustment with the General PTA Assemble. The Executive Board will notify the General PTA through Facebook and on the web site. The board discussed the potential of looking at funding a science teacher. Mrs. Overman the district policies and the difficulties with this idea. Mrs. Overman said that the need for a science lab teacher is reviewed on year to year basis by the district

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer's Report - Shelly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed purchase goals for the PTA this year ○ There is about \$8000-9000 carry over from last year for science lab Mrs. Overman will coordinate with Melody ○ Shelly asked the board to mark their calendar for boosterthon count day
Open Discussion / Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ident-A-Kid would like to come back this year but not during monapalooza • Tailgate - The teachers and staff will wear team colors • Mistletoe Market This year we will have no outside vendor. We will supply it ourselves; • Advocacy Representative - We need to recruit someone for this position. If you know of anyone interested let Colleen know • Raffles - Raffles are now okay to do. Colleen is looking at rules and regulations now • Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Google Docs / Files / Apps - As we move forward as a board, Colleen asks any files we use for our PTA position please save to Google Drive The goal is that we create notebooks for each committee/position so that we do not have to recreate each year. • Shade covers - USA play is anxious to get started. Katherine has a couple other quotes. We will need to get started quickly after Boosterthon funds come in to get the shade covers in by spring. The second quote significantly less than USA play. The second quote is company that installed the playground equipment. • Questions / Comments
Next Meeting	Friday, November 6th @ 9:30am
Dates to Remember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/1 - PTA Due Date for: district dues, state dues, approved budget, LUOR on file with SCPTA • 10/5 - SIC Meeting • 10/5 - Reflections Entries Due • 10/7 - Tailgate Lunch for Teachers & Staff • 10/7 - International Walk @ School Day • 10/9 - BOOSTERTHON - FUN RUN - Big World Recess! • 10/12 - 10/14 - Red Ribbon Week (wear RED on the 14th) • 10/15 & 10/16 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Days - Conferences • 10/20 - CFA Spirit Night (5p - 8p) • 10/21 - Boosterthon Collection Day # 1 (9a - 1p) • 10/22 - 1st Qtr Grading Period Ends • 10/22 - Original Works Sent Home • 10/23 - Box Tops Contest Deadline • 10/26 - 10/30 - Kindergarten Backpack Blessings Food Drive • 10/28 - Boosterton Collection Day # 2 (9a - 1p) • 10/29 - 1st Qtr Report Cards • 10/29 - 50th Day of School • 10/30 - Terrific Kids Assembly • 10/30 - Reflections Entries Due - District Level
Adjournment	Close Meeting

- **Ways & Means - Rachel**

Rachel has emailed about directory but has not heard back. Colleen has given Michelle the forms and all the info from last year. The goal is to finish by end of September. Rachel will touch base again. She will check around printers for best price.

- **Programs & Services - Lori**

Bureau of Lectures Rainforest Animals program was held on September 23rd and was attended by 1st, 2nd, and 4th grades. It was a successful and fun program.

Tailgate Lunch for Staff is scheduled for October 7th. Lisa Wight and Meghan Vella are well prepared for this event.

International Walk at School Day is scheduled for October 7th (during recess). Teachers have been notified of this event and parents will be notified via "communication for parents" on Friday, October 2nd.

A Sign Up Genius has been sent out requesting volunteers who are willing to pass out paper clips to students as they complete each lap.

*** Details related to a prize for the winning class (most paper clips) has not been determined at this time.

Red Ribbon Week is scheduled for October 12th-14th. (Wear red on October 14th.) Cortney Norton has been contacted and will be handling all of the decorations, door decorating contest/judging, and prizes.

Bureau of Lectures Electricity program is scheduled for October 29th.

Terrific Kids ceremony is scheduled for October 30th. Michele Young will take pictures of the ceremony and will be posting the pictures afterwards.

Flyer for Publix, BI-LO, Target, and AmazonSmile is ready for distribution. This will serve as a reminder to parents to use their cards/link to school when shopping.

Coat Project - I would like to briefly discuss the possibility of starting a coat closet for students in need of winter attire. We could collect gently used fall and winter outerwear items and stock them in a closet, allowing access to those who may be in need.

- **Membership - Alicia**

We have 829 members currently (teachers are 100%), Classes with 100% are:

Tatarinchik - Cloninger - Marsh - Shirley - Cockerill - Derrick - Muse - Reed - Basanda - Richardson - Schlarb

Teachers one away from 100% are Willis - Drinkhahn - Sokohl

- **Business Partners - Katherine**

I have been working on a sponsorship opportunities list along with Erica. Our main goal this year is to increase sponsorships for the Monapalooza tshirts and 5th grade day. We are going to design a flyer that can be used by anyone to make the community aware of what ways they can help support Monarch.

Sing for Santa is December 5th at the Swamp Rabbits game. We will have a Chuck-a-puck table that will be manned by the chorus. We will also have some opportunities for students to experience the game at floor level. We will sell tickets as a fundraiser.

I have received 1 additional quote for the playground covers and will be meeting with an additional company on Monday the 5th.

- **Volunteers - Paige**

Ward Messerug is still very interested in being Chair of Gardening. Just had a nerve block done on his leg Friday and was waiting to see how he felt the next few days. I told him that nothing needed to be done right now but we wanted to know if he still wanted to head up the program. Sending home folder with his daughter tomorrow.

Have been in contact with Amanda Guman about Boosterthon and she says things are going well. Told her to let me know if she needed anything.

Sent Cortney Norton an email about Red Ribbon Week. Asking the theme for this year. Have not yet heard back.

Signup Genies "show how" is tomorrow @ 9:30

Letter went out to all teachers over the weekend checking in to see if their Room Parents have been in contact with them and if they have been able to meet. Most have been in contact and if not a face to face they were able to have a phone conversation. Everyone has responded and everything is good so far.

Sending out an email to all Room Parents make sure we have coverage for Staff Appreciation Tailgate Lunch for all teachers.

- **Friends of Monarch - Erica**

I am currently working on sending letters and tax receipts to all Friend of Monarch donors.

Met with Kathryn Davis to outline sponsorship opportunities and guidelines. We're also brainstorming marketing strategies. She is reaching out to several Monarch program chairs to find out program needs/details so we can plan accordingly. I am reaching out to Mrs Overman about how/where business signage or advertising can be displayed on school grounds.