

Monarch Elementary PTA Board

Meeting Agenda

December 4, 2015 – 9:30am

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

Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Members in Attendance/Absent Noted<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Present: Colleen Barnes, Carol Beard, Kathryn Davis, Alicia Delaney, Susan Hodge, Rachel Kelly, Vaughan Overman, Lori Quarles, Nancy Shephard, Shelly Strohmaier, Erica Wingate,</li></ul></li><li>• Agenda Agreement</li></ul>
Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (October &amp; November) motion to approve minutes made by Kathryn Davis. Seconded by Shelly Strohmaier</li><li>• Committee Reports (see reports section)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Ways &amp; Means – Rachel</li><li>○ Programs &amp; Services – Lori</li><li>○ Membership – Alicia</li><li>○ Business Partners – Katherine</li><li>○ Volunteers – Paige</li></ul></li></ul>
Active Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principal’s Report – Vaughan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mrs. Overman appreciates the work the PTA board does. There will be Dec 15 breakfast for PTA board coming. ACT aspire will not be the test of choice this year. DRC won the contract with the state. We are still waiting on the format but know that it will not be timed. There is no idea when the test will be. It looks like it will be April. Spring break is still tentative. Update on Chromebooks – goal is to buy 1 set from the school and 1 set from PTA. Mrs. Overman does not have most recent quote but will get that information. The school is excited about polar express days. The teachers just finished workshop on balanced literacy.</li></ul></li><li>• President’s Report – Colleen<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Thanksgiving lunch went really well. The book fair and grandparents went amazing. The Bureau of Lectures assemblies has the last one is next week. We have 97% of boosterthon pledges collected. The mistletoe market ready to go. The staff luncheon is ready to go Tues Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Monarch is registered for Michelin art contest. Our contact for the Panthers rock contest is no longer with the organization. We are still trying to determine if we are going to participate. The toys for tots bins are out and PTA donated extra bike helmets, and misc. toys. Polar express ready to go. The teachers have the bells and will distribute them to room moms. In response to flood relief we contacted the Richland 2 district. They are not collecting much in actual supplies but would be interested in financial donation. The board did not feel comfortable presenting to parents for another donation. We would have no control over how funds would be used. The board passed on funds to Richland 2.</li></ul></li></ul>

	<p>GCSF – looking for donation contributions. The donation is to recognize academic success. This information has been in the Monarch Mail. The first Monarch Mail went out 2 weeks ago. SCPTA is having a dine at home challenge. Information is available on the SCPTA Facebook page. The chess club waiting to see interest and may look into possibilities of expanding to peer teaching etc. A parent came to a member of the board regarding Culvers fundraising night. Culvers opportunity for spirit night is based on total sales not just monarch but culvers needs help serving food and greeters. They would need 4 runners per hour from 4p—8p. The board discussed we may look into this but not necessarily monthly. Committees are starting planning for science night and steam day. We need list of supplies from Melody for purchase for the science lab as we have carry over. (\$8932.12 to spend now) Reflection calendars are for sale and the proceeds help fund state program. As we prepare for the nominating committee we need to start thinking about board for next year and ways to improve collection process, working on job descriptions, basic responsibilities, estimated time spent and busiest time, and ways to improve. Nancy will send out email to collect all this data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasurer’s Report – Shelly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thanks to volunteers. There is a need for more help. It may be helpful if anyone could commit regularly. The taxes are done.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Open Discussion / Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelin IntIREnational Art Contest - registered</li> <li>• Carolina Panthers Spirit Rock/Door Contest</li> <li>• Polar Express – room parents have info / teachers have bells</li> <li>• Chess Club – sent out to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade</li> <li>• Culver’s Spirit Night (volunteers needed)</li> <li>• GCSF – Greenville County Schools Foundation</li> <li>• 2016 Reflections Calendars - \$14.99 @ lulu.com</li> <li>• Dine at Home Challenge – Deadline 12/18</li> <li>• Science Night – Prep/Planning (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• STEAM Day – Prep/Planning (May 15<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• Nominating Committee – Prep/Planning</li> <li>• Questions / Comments</li> </ul>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Friday, January 8th @ 9:30am</p>
<p>Dates to Remember</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12/4 – K4 ½ Day</li> <li>• 12/7 – SIC Meeting @ 7:30am</li> <li>• 12/7 – BETA Club Induction</li> <li>• 12/7 – 12/11 – Toys for Tots Week</li> <li>• 12/7 -12/11 – Mistletoe Market</li> <li>• 12/9 – Hospitality Lunch for Teachers &amp; Staff</li> <li>• 12/9 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Immigration Day</li> <li>• 12/10 – Skate Night for PE</li> <li>• 12/11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Walnut Grove</li> <li>• 12/14 – PTA Meeting (Kindergarten Art &amp; Music)</li> <li>• 12/14 – Mistletoe Market (evening)</li> <li>• 12/16 – Sky Zone Spirit Night</li> </ul>

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Adjournment	Close Meeting

- **Ways & Means – Rachel**
  - **No Report Submitted**
- **Friends of Monarch – Erica**
  - **Year End Tax Push**
  - **Banner** will be completed in January once all donations are accounted for
- **Programs & Services – Lori**
  - **Original Works** were distributed on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.
  - **Terrific Kids ceremony** is scheduled for Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Michele Young will take pictures of the ceremony and will be posting the pictures afterwards.
  - **Science Night** is scheduled for Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting with Caroline Otten (and Melodie White?) on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to begin planning the event.
  - **Flyer for Publix, BI-LO, Target, and AmazonSmile** has been posted on the PTA website. *Please continue to spread the word to your friends about these opportunities to raise funds for Monarch.*
  - **Coat Closet Project** - We have been collecting gently used fall and winter outerwear and hope to collect enough to open the “closet” (soon) to students who may be in need of warm clothes.
    - **still need everything.** freshly laundered.
- **Membership – Alicia**
  - We need 15 memberships to reach 100%. Colleen and Mrs. Overman will purchase remaining at cost
- **Business Partners – Katherine**
  - **Shade cover update** We have consulted with the shade company and are looking at a 20’ x 20 ou’t front and a 20’x20’ in back plus one covering play structure. These covers have a 5 yr warranty for manufacturer’s defect. The fabric can be removed in winter. The board unanimously approves purchases and plans
- **Volunteers – Paige**
  - **No Report Submitted**
    - **Per Colleen Barnes** Paige is doing a great job. There is a lot going on. Mistletoe Market is being covered well. We will keep it open Monday night for PTA meeting

- **President's Note:**

- Thanksgiving Lunch – went GREAT
- Book Fair / Grandparents Week - AMAZING
- Bureau of Lectures Assemblies – Electricity & Magic Math (awesome). Robotics to be held on 12/14 @ 8:15am
- SWAMP RABBITS – under 50 ppl purchased
- Boosterthon – collection status / totals / tshirt invoice – 97% collected (57%).
- Mistletoe Market – ready to go – can we stay open on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> for the meeting/performance?
- Hospitality Holiday Lunch – ready to go
- Michelin InTIREnational Art Contest – registered
- Toys for Tots – PTA donated bike helmets, toys, etc.
- Polar Express – ready to go
- Shade Covers Status
- GCSF – Greenville County Schools Foundation
- Richland 2 – Donation/Contribution
- Monarch Mail
- Dine at Home Challenge runs through Dec. 17th. All PTA families are challenged to eat a family meal at home on a school night for a chance to win a \$25 Publix gift card. Post a photo of your family at the table or preparing the meal on the South Carolina PTA Facebook page by midnight, Dec. 18 noting which school(s) you support. Four random families will be selected and mailed a gift card just in time for Christmas dinner.