

Monarch Elementary PTA Board

Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2016 – 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

<p>Call to Order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members in Attendance/Absent Noted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Colleen Barnes, Kathryn Davis, Alicia Delaney, Susan Hodge, Kerrie Kish, Vaughan Overman, Lori Quarles, Nancy Shepard, Shelly Strohmaier, Paige Winch, Erica Wingate • Agenda Agreement
<p>Consent Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (December) Motion to approve the minutes made by Kathryn Davis. Seconded by Shelly Strohmaier. Motion unanimously passes. • 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 Overman. Everyone enjoyed the staff luncheon. Mrs. Overman updated the board on the status of Chromebooks. She has sent the latest quote to Colleen. The school ordered 50 Chromebooks at a price of \$11,350. Shelly looked at budget and PTA definitely has available cash today to purchase 50 Chromebooks. If expected income comes in as expected PTA have enough in 1 month to order additional. Mrs. Overman stated the school’s goal is 450 Chromebooks to be purchased. This would allow the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to have 1 on 1 Chromebooks with the current iPads being pushed down to 1st and 2nd grade. A motion was made to purchase 50 Chromebooks now and Shelly will review at end of month and purchase more if funds allow up to maximum of 125 total by Kathryn Davis. Nancy Shepard seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passes. Shelly will get with Beth and order 50 now. The State Department of Education released results of test bidding. SC Ready will be administered to 3rd-8th grade. SC Pass will continue for 4th and 5th grade. The SC Ready will consist of ELA and Math. Mrs. Overman said there is a team finalizing these test for Monarch but anticipates using the paper test for ELA with the dates being April 26-28. They will most likely do online testing for math. The dates for the online testing window is April 19-May 6. The dates for the paper version of SC Pass is May 11-12 and the online window is May 11-27. The team will be meeting to determine which versions Monarch will use and coordinate the testing dates. The main difference in the writing portion is that it will consist of responding to text versus a writing prompt. The school needs posters for steam and other events and needs supplies for poster machine. Shelly will get with Melodie to order supplies. The School Board Appreciation Luncheon is the Jan 22nd. The PTA board is invited. Please let Mrs. Overman

	<p>know if you cannot attend. This year will be a Superhero theme with presentation by each grade on how grade level projects affect learning and how project learning applies to careers in future. Congratulations to Mrs. Kisch. She has received a \$20,000 grant for the 3rd year in a row. This is the last year she will be eligible for this grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President’s Report – Colleen reported chess club is up and running with 18 members. Running Club parking is going much smoother. Nancy and Colleen have met with reflections chairs and discussed ideas of how to improve for next year if the same volume of entries continues. The winners at district level should be sent to the reflections chairs today. There will be a reception for the winners at the district offices on January 28 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Grade level projects in full swing. There is always a grade level and project that needs help. We may revamp and create committee to help out globally and possibly add a project coordinator next year. Mrs. Overman gave and update on Beta Club. She will pass induction date to Colleen. There is money that needs to be spent for science lab. Shelly will meet with Melodie regarding purchases for the science lab. There has been no response from gentleman who initially volunteered for the butterfly garden. Melanie Wyrick has agreed to work on it. She will be sending an email to Colleen and Mrs. Overman to begin planning. Paige has another volunteer to potentially work with Melanie and will pass that contact on. • Treasurer’s Report – Shelly only has 13 paid members for chess club. She will get with the chess club coordinator to cross reference. We are waiting on the Swamp Rabbit payment. Original art update. We have paid all bills and made \$4046.25. We are still waiting on mistletoe market receipts. The figures in Shelly’s handout is not an accurate net. We are projecting to net about \$5000.
<p>Open Discussion / Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee 2016-2017 It is time to start finding volunteers to serve on this committee. We need a total of 5. If you have any suggestions, please send their names to Nancy or Colleen. The most recent Monarch Mail had information about who to contact if someone is interested in serving in this role. By Laws – expiration 06/16 (review, update & submit) Monarch PTA bylaws are due for revision this year. The Board was asked to review the current bylaws to get familiar with them. We will target to set a review meeting in February so that the Board can discuss and vote on any changes. They will then need to be voted on at a General PTA meeting prior to the end of the school year. • PTA of the Year - Teacher / Volunteer / Support Staff / Student Volunteer – It’s time to Nominate individuals for Teacher, Support Staff, Volunteer and Student Volunteer of the year. Information about Teacher and Volunteer has already been posted on Facebook. The Board nominates a Support Staff person. For student volunteer – we will continue to solicit recommendations from 5th grade teachers and Student Council Advisors as well as permit parents to submit a nomination on behalf of their child. • SCPTA Annual Awards – Due 3/1 • Teacher Appreciation Week – 2/8 – 2/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2/11 - Hospitality Lunch – Moe’s Taco Bar • Valentine Parties – 2/12 (staggered times)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culver’s Spirit Night – March • Book Fair Week (2/22 – 2/26) – Theme will be Peace, Love, Books! Book Bingo night on 25th • Father/Daughter Dance – 2/5 Save the dates have gone out in Monarch Mail for Father Daughter Dance. Will not be doing paper tickets this year for Father/Daughter. • Mother/Son Event – 2/28 Save the dates have gone out in Monarch Mail for the Mother Son event. • Battle of the Books Colleen will verify if Monarch is doing a team this year. PTA generally supports advancing team with T-shirts. • Science Night – Prep/Planning (Feb 8th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5th Grade - 1 Team & 1 Individual ○ 4th Grade – 1 Team ○ 3rd Grade – Class Project • STEAM Day – Prep/Planning (May 15th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nutty Scientists ○ Ball-O’Connor – 2nd Grade (180 students) Jake/Monarch book ○ Corporate sponsors – GE / Michelin / Flour ○ GHS – Buddy the Bear • SCPTA Convention – April 15th & 16th (Goose Creek, SC) Contact Colleen if interested in attending. • Questions / Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion about tshirt design for Monapalooza tshirts. Was decided to do a slogan or design contest and have students submit their ideas. Kathryn will follow up on details for this.
Next Meeting	Friday, February 5th @ 9:30am
Dates to Remember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/11 – PTA General Meeting / 1st Grade Art & Music • 1/14 – 2nd Qtr Ends • 1/15 & 1/18 – NO SCHOOL • 1/19 – CFA Spirit Night • 1/22 – School Board Appreciation Day • 1/22 – 2nd Qtr Report Cards • 1/28 – 100th Day of School • 1/28 – Reflections Reception for Winners – District Office 6:30p-7:30p • 2/5 – Father/Daughter Dance • 2/8 – 2/12 – Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week • 2/8 – PTA Meeting (Nominating Committee Elected) • 2/8 – Science Night/Fair • 2/9 – Skate Night • 2/11 – Hospitality Lunch – Teacher/Staff • 2/11 – Twisted Cup Spirit Night • 2/12 – Valentine Parties • 2/18 – 3rd Qtr Interim Progress Reports • 2/19 – Boxtop Contest Deadline (top class from each grade wins) • 2/22 – 2/26 – Book Fair / VIP Week • 2/23 – CFA Spirit Night • 2/25 – Book Bingo • 2/28 – Mother/Son Event

- **Ways & Means – Rachel**
 - Emails being sent to all 2016 committee chairs
 - Silent Auction Kick off meeting – Wed, Jan 13th @ 10:30am
 - Monapalooza Kick off meeting - TBD
- **Friends of Monarch – Erica**
 - All Donations to date have been collected
 - Banner information received – will work with vendor to get a proof
- **Programs & Services – Lori**
 - **Terrific Kids ceremony** is scheduled for Friday, January 22nd. Michele Young will take pictures of the ceremony and will be posting the pictures afterwards.
 - **Science Night** is scheduled for Monday, February 8th. Caroline Otten and Melodie White are organizing this event and details will be released soon. Science fair working on details with melody. Winners parents will be notified. Budget numbers good.
 - **Staff Appreciation Week** is scheduled for February 8th - February 12th. Will want to work with paige to get info out to parents. Will try to have a meeting with room parents prior to staff appreciation to discuss expectations for that and monapalooza
 - **Coat Project** - We have collected approximately a dozen coats/jackets. This is not enough to warrant opening the “store”. We may want to consider continuing the collection through spring and then allowing access to the coats next fall. Will start donating lost and found to coat project instead of community organizations.
- **Membership – Alicia**
 - 100% (teacher & parent)
- **Business Partners – Katherine**
 - The playground shades have been ordered and are tentatively scheduled to be installed in March/April. The total cost will be \$23,656.30.
 - Working to obtain sponsorships for the Monapalooza t-shirts. We will need to come up with a design and all ideas are welcome.
- **Volunteers – Paige**
 - **No Report Submitted**