

Monarch Elementary PTA Board

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 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"> ○ Present: Colleen Barnes, Carol Beard, Kathryn Davis, Alicia Delaney, Susan Hodge, Rachel Kelly, 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 (February) Motion to approve the minutes made by Nancy Shepard. Seconded by Kathryn Davis. 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 There is lots going on at Monarch. MAP testing is currently going on and thanks to the purchase of chromebooks from PTA testing will be 8 1/2 days. The state released Palmetto Silver and Gold Awards. Monarch received Palmetto Gold Award. The teachers are practicing for writing portion of the SC Ready assessment. Thanks to those board members who could come to school board appreciation lunch. The children did an excellent job. Dr. Royster was impressed with our students. The district has digital core leadership project. It will be instituted over the next 4 years. The goal is 1 on 1 chromebooks for each student in grades 3-12. Then the chromebooks will be replaced every 3 years. Ten schools are in pilot program for next year then will start the following year with 25 schools per year. It could be 4 years out until Monarch receives the district chromebooks. Mrs. Overman was very supportive of PTA continuing to purchase chromebooks and will push chromebooks purchased by PTA down to lower grades where every student in building will have a device. There is no answer yet on printers and volunteer issue but she is working on it. Monarch had several Reflections winners go on to state. We have received the Engineer stamp on shade covers. Mrs. Overman received an email this week confirming everything is ready to go. Installation will be in 2 steps. The 1st step will be during Spring break and the 2nd step will be completed week after Spring break. Mrs. Overman has some field trip participants to Barrier Island that we need scholarships for. Shelly will coordinate with Beth. • President’s Report – Colleen Barnes Book fair went really well. The Mother/Son event was beyond phenomenal. The chair leads did an amazing job. This year Monarch had 8 students recognized at state level 2

	<p>go on to national level for Reflections. We need a lot of volunteers for Steam day. Mrs. Kish reported that the tires look great. The daily voting is not working and Mrs. Kish has brought it to the attention of the contest people. The 3rd grade field trip to the Art Museum was super. Mrs. Kish is working on Transform SC and the accreditation that goes with it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasurer’s Report – Shelly has copy of actual vs budget to review. The Father/Daughter dance netted \$4,209. We are still waiting for money from photographer so net will be higher. Mother/Son broke even last year but this year we had a profit of \$1,251. This is not a final number as we still have a few reimbursements.
<p>Open Discussion / Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominating Committee 2016-2017 will be electronically. Colleen and Nancy have been working with Carol and state PTA to ensure compliance. • By-laws are due to be reviewed this year. Colleen will schedule a meeting Mid-March to review the bylaws. • Spelling List Lunch & Learn - Melody is working on getting this set up. • Carolina Ale House – Spirit Night. We were approached by this business as wanting to host spirit nights for us. While we want to support the community, the board unanimously decided that this was not the best fit for an elementary school. • Battle of the Books- Colleen is working with Mrs. Mitchell for providing t-shirts. • Silent Auction – Teacher Dates (define & schedule) • Monapalooza Work Days- Colleen wanted to make sure that the work days would not interfere with testing. She will send proposed dates to Mrs. Overman. • Snack Cart Dates - Last year there was a snack cart on 5/1. Hospitality will get this year’s set up. They are also hosting a luncheon on March 17 for teachers who reach United Way goal. • Roper Mountain BLAST – after school program (http://www.ropermountain.org/main.asp?titleid=blast) • Volunteers for School Pictures on April 8th Colleen will get with Beth to find out how many helpers are needed. • PTA Meeting in April vs. May (vote and induction of new board) • Science Fair Winners / Reflections Winners / Of the Year Winners – April 7th @ 8:30am • Questions / Comments- There was a lot going on during teacher appreciation week. Nancy stated next year’s board will look at ways to improve next year.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Friday, April 8th @ 9:30am</p>
<p>Dates to Remember</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/7 – SIC Meeting • 3/7 – 3/9 – 4th Grade to Barrier Island • 3/15 – CFA Spirit Night • 3/18 – 3rd Qtr Ends • 3/18 – 3rd Grade to the State House • 3/21 – Monarch’s Got Talent • 3/23 – STEAM Day • 3/24 – 3rd Qtr Report Cards

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3/25 – NO SCHOOL – Make Up Day #3 ● 3/28 – 4/1 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break ● 4/4 – SIC Meeting ● 4/7 – Twisted Cup Spirit Night ● 4/8 – School Pictures ● 4/11 – General PTA Meeting ● 4/19 – CFA Spirit Night ● 4/21 – Skate Night (PE) ● 4/29 – 4th Qtr Inerimm Progress Reports ● 4/29 – MONAPALOOZA (4pm to 8pm) ● 4/30 – Silent Auction Pick Up Day (11am – 2pm)
Adjournment	Close Meeting

- **Ways & Means – Rachel**
 - Silent Auction Preparation
 - Monapalooza Preparation
- **Friends of Monarch – Erica**
 - Banner is done and hanging in atrium
- **Programs & Services – Lori**
 - **STEAM Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd.** Lori Stuart and Brad Hager are co-chairs of the committee and are preparing for the event. We are in need of numerous volunteers so if board members are available, please sign up via the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44afa723a4f49-steam>.
*The school photographer has been scheduled to work this event.
 - **Coat Project** - I would like to send out the coat project flyer at the end of March in hopes of collecting coats/jackets when people begin to clean out closets at the end of the season.
- **Membership – Alicia**
 - 100% (teacher & parent). All reports have been submitted to D1 and the State.
- **Business Partners – Katherine**
 - DFK approved for sun shades – installation week of spring break
 - Working to obtain sponsorships for the Monapalooza t-shirts. Form about contest is ready to go out.
- **Volunteers – Paige**
 - Working on Monapalooza spread sheet for volunteers
 - Working on getting a spread sheet together for STEAM
 - Student Volunteers for Monapalooza
 - Feed back from parents about Teacher Appreciation Week
 - 4th Grade Disabilities Awareness Days