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Monarch River Mission Statement

The mission of Monarch River Academy is to develop the individual gifts of students in Tulare County and adjacent counties to become proficient in Common Core State Standards and become critical thinkers, responsible citizens and innovative leaders prepared for academic and real-life achievement in the 21st Century. The mission will be accomplished in a personalized environment that fosters successful achievement through quality, personalized, standards-based education, which could include online coursework, offline textbook work, and unique hands-on and experiential learning experiences facilitated in partnership with students, parents, staff, and community.

Directors Present

Dr. Sam Nofziger (remote), Monique Ouwinga (remote), Sarah Sanchez (remote), Dr. Craig Wheaton (remote) & Ashley Wiens (remote)

Directors Absent

All Board Members were present at the meeting.

Guests Present

Dr. Rob Hudson (remote), Dr. Laurie Goodman (remote), Steph Johnson (remote), Dr. Steven James (remote), Darlington Ahaiwe (remote), Lorraine Sewell (remote), Mariah Jordan (remote), Jonathan Quijas (remote), Blake Wright (remote), Maria Thoeni (remote), & Kmmi Buzzard (remote)

Minutes

1. Opening Items

1.A. Record Attendance**1.B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Dr. Sam Nofziger called the meeting of the board of directors of Monarch River Academy to order on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 4:31 PM.

1.C. Flag Salute

Dr. Sam Nofziger led the Flag Salute.

1.D. Approval of the Agenda

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the agenda.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

1.E. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

1.F. Review & Approval of Minutes

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on July 27 2021.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

1.6. School Report

Dr. Laurie Goodman shared:

- Celebration of program launch
- Virtual Academy offerings are being well received by families
- Enrollment Targets: Still working toward 1500 students, however the number is currently around 1100. The enrollment total will likely hit approximately 1200 students. Numbers are impacted by beginning of the year withdrawals. This is typical of previous years. New enrollments will likely stop between September 15th and October 1st.

Monique Ouwinga joined the meeting at 4:39 PM.

2. Finance

2.A. July Financials

Darlington Ahaiwe presented the July Financial Reports including changes from the original budget projections. The budget has been adjusted due to anticipated downward changes to enrollment projections.

Ashley Wiens made a motion to approve the July Financial Reports.
Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.
The board VOTED to approve the motion.

2.B. Shared Staff MOU - Central Valley Charter Schools & Sequoia Grove Charter Alliance

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Central Valley Charter School data in the appendices item.

Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.

The board VOTED to approve the motion.

The Shared MOU will be brought back before the Board once the Sequoia Grove Charter Alliance data has been completed.

2.C. Administrative & Teacher Salary Comparison Data

Dr. Goodman presented the comparative Administrative & Teacher Salary data from other similarly sized and or modeled schools.

3. Academic Excellence

3.A. EL Presentation

Maria Thoeni provided the board with an overview of the school's EL Development Program.

- A recap of last school year's end of year data was provided.
- The ELD Program strives to improve results.
- Currently, the EL Coordinator is sending out Student Score Reports and conducting initial assessments and following up on students that have been reclassified.
- A parent meeting/orientation is being held as well as ongoing training and support.
- An overview of EL curricular offerings and EL live instruction was provided.

Dr. Craig Wheaton joined the Board Meeting at 4:58 PM.

3.B. Special Education Assistant Director Introduction

Dr. James introduced Lorraine Sewell.

3.C. Transition Team Presentation

Yolanda Vazquez introduced Blake Wright and Jonathan Quijas the school's Job Coaches. They provided the board with an overview of college and career services. The new initiatives include:

- Alumni Network & Career Services
- Podcasts
- Partnerships - Example: San Jose Job Corps
- Job Corps Cohort - Launching in September
- Career Cohort - Launching in October
- Future projects - Websites, surveys to gather data on what supports are needed, launch of credit recovery Cohort, additional resources, and launch of High School Hangouts

Dr. Sam Nofziger asked what the team is doing to get the word out about these programs and opportunities. Yolanda Vazquez shared that the team is working with Carmen Marroquin to reach out to alumni and the opportunities are currently being shared with current transition students and other groups. Ashley Wiens was pleased to hear of these new programs as she was just speaking with a family whose student was looking for career assistance. Dr. Craig Wheaton is also pleased to hear of these new programs and sees opportunities for collaboration with his network.

3.D. Parent Student Handbook

Steph Johnson presented the 2021-2022 Parent Student Handbook highlighting the changes.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Parent Student Handbook.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board VOTED to approve the motion.

3.E. Regional Coordinator Support Plan

Steph Johnson presented the Regional Coordinator support plan.

Sarah Sanchez asked if parents have visibility on the leadership structure of who a particular Homeschool Teacher's Regional Coordinator is. Steph Johnson said this

information is not currently shared, but it is valuable information that can be formatted and shared.

4. Governance

4.A. Annual Brown Act Training

All Board Members have received access to the annual Brown Act Training and Dr. Goodman has scheduled time after the next board meeting to complete any unfinished training modules.

5. Closing Items

5.1. Board of Director Comments & Requests

Steph Johnson will bring back a Regional Coordinator > Homeschool Teacher org chart/table

5.2. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meetings

Special: September 7, 2021 at 5:00 PM
Regular: September 28, 2021 at 4:30 PM

Discussion of the location of the Board Meetings whether to continue to facilitate meetings via Zoom or change to in-person. Due to the uncertainties of COVID and the Delta Variant as well as the status of the use of the Brandman University Facilities, the meetings will continue next month via Zoom.

5.3. Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 5:46 PM.
Ashley Wiens seconded the motion.
The board VOTED to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Sam Nofziger

Prepared by:
Mariah Jordan

Noted by:

Board Secretary

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