

April 26, 2022 at 4:30 PM | 3610 E. Ashlan Avenue, Fresno, CA 93926

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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 (in-person), Dr. Craig Wheaton (remote), Monique Ouwinga (remote), Sarah Sanchez (remote)

Directors Absent

Elizabeth Wagner

Guests Present

Dr. Laurie Goodman, Stephanie Johnson (both in-person)
Joanna Fung, Jenny Plumb, Yolanda Vazquez, Denise Voth, Amy Friesen, Dr. Steven James, Lorraine Sewell, James Surmeian, Natalie Douty, Lissa Engstrom, Evamarie Celis, Michelene Fitzgerald, Student Presenter, Kimmi Buzzard (all 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, April 26, 2022 at 4:37 PM.

1.C. Flag Salute

Dr. Sam Nofziger led the Flag Salute.

1.D. Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the agenda.
Monique Ouwinga 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 Board Meeting on March 22, 2022
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

2. Academic Excellence (Part 1)

Natalie Douty, Lissa Engstrom, and student presenter shared about the Writer's Workshop Program.

3. Finance**3.A. March 2022 Financials**

- Jim Surmeian from Charter Impact shared the school's financial report.
- The 2022-2023 budget is in development.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the March 2022 Financials.
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3.B. 2022-2023 Planning Amount Chart

- Steph Johnson shared the proposed 2022-2023 Planning Amount Chart.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Planning Amount Chart.
Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3.C. Transitional Kindergarten Grant Plan

- Jenny Plumb presented the school's Transitional Kindergarten Grant Plan and provided an overview of the TK program that has been designed to meet the requirements of the grant as well as the needs of the students and families.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Transitional Kindergarten Grant Plan.
Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4. Academic Excellence (Part 2)

4.A. Special Education Inclusion/Push-In Model Plan

- Dr. Steven James shared the school's plan for an Inclusion Model for next school year that incorporates a co-teaching model with General and Special Education teachers.
- Maria Thoeni shared about how inclusion occurred on a small scale this school year.
- Sarah Sanchez wants to know if there will be any in person opportunities for instruction. Dr. Goodman and Steph Johnson shared there are authorizing district boundaries that must be adhered to for a resource center.

4.B. Progress Report on the Status of Open Positions for OT & SLP

- Dr. Steven James shared that interviews will be taking place in early May, but they are still looking for OT.
- Sarah Sanchez inquired if the job posting can be shared on social media.

4.C. 8th Grade Bridge Transition

- Evamarie Celis shared about the 8th Grade Bridge Transition program and how it has supported students this year.

4.D. SEL Presentation

- Yolanda Vazquez provided an update on the SEL program and an overview of some of the enhancements being developed for next school year.

4.E. Administrative Credential Extension Request

- Steph Johnson explained why the extension request was being made.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the extension.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4.F. Revised Grade Level Retention Policy

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to move this agenda item to the May meeting.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5. Operations

5.A. Central Valley Charter Schools (CVCS)

- Michelene Fitzgerald introduced the CVCS logo and what it means.
- Dr. Craig Wheaton wanted to be sure this would not be misleading to anyone that it is a charter management organization (CMO). Dr. Goodman agreed and reassured the board that CVCS is not a CMO.

5.B. COVID-19 School Report

- Dr. Laurie Goodman discussed the COVID-19 School Report.

5.C. Enrollment Report

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the school's current enrollment numbers and withdrawal figures.

5.D. Rate-In & Reclassification Process

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the Staff & Student Interaction Policy and explained why it is needed, primarily for Classified Staff.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Rate-In & Reclassification Process.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.D. Revised Salary Schedules

- Steph Johnson shared the revised salary schedules and explained the reason the

updates were needed.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the revised salary schedules.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.F. Administrative Salary Schedule

- Steph Johnson shared the Administrative and Regional Coordinator Salary Schedule. Since the Regional Coordinators (RC) are required to have an Administrative Credential the stipend was moved into the RC salary amounts.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the revised Administrative Salary Schedule salary schedules.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5G. Virtual Learning Assistant

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the new position and explained why it was needed.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approve the Virtual Learning Assistant job description and position.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5H. Revised Employee Handbook

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the revised Employee Handbook. Schedule salary schedules.

Sarah Sanchez seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5I. 2022-2023 Educational Vendor Policies & Procedures

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to move this agenda item to the May Board meeting.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5J. Revised Disposal of Unneeded Books, Equipment, & Supplies Policy

- Dr. Goodman highlighted the changes to the policy.

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to approved the revised Disposal of Unneeded books, Equipment & Supplies Policy.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5. Administrator Evaluations

5.A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Executive Director & Co-Director/ Principal - Closed Session

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:17 PM.
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Dr. Sam Nofziger made a motion to end Closed Session and return to the Open Meeting at 6:35 PM.
Elizabeth Wagner seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

6.B. Report Out of any Action Taken During Closed Session

- Dr. Sam Nofziger reported that the Board took action to allow Dr. Laurie Goodman and Steph Johnson to review their Evaluations and then bring forward any questions and proposed 2022-2023 Goals at the May Board meeting.

7. Governance

7.A. May Meeting Format

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to meet in person for the next board meeting and to discuss this item again during the June Board meeting.
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board VOTED to approve the motion.

7. Closing Items

7.A. Board of Director Comments & Requests

- Sarah requests to move the board meeting time to a later time. This will be added to the May Agenda or a Special Board Meeting in April.

7.B. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular: May 17, 2022 at 4:30 PM

7.C. Adjourn Meeting

Sarah Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:43 PM.

Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously 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 7:24 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Sam Nofziger

Prepared by:
Kimmi Buzzard

Noted by:


Craig Wheaton (Jun 2, 2022 19:25 PDT)

Board Secretary

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