

June 27, 2022 at 6:00 PM | 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia, CA 93277

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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), Dr. Monique Ouwinga (remote), & Dr. Craig Wheaton (remote)

Directors Absent

Elizabeth Wagner & Sarah Sanchez

Guests Present

Dr. Laurie Goodman, Brandon Chiapas, & Joanna Fung (in person)

Steph Johnson, Jim Surmeian, Maria Thoeni, Jenny Plumb, Dr. Damien Phillips, Rhonda Duerksen, Kimmi 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 Monday, July 26, 2022 at 6:05 PM.
1.C. Flag Salute
Dr. Sam Nofziger led the Flag Salute.
1.D. Board Member Term Renewals
Dr. Sam Nofziger made a motion to renew the terms of both Board Members. Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.
1.E. Approval of the Agenda
Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.
1.F. Public Comment
No public comments were made.
1.G. Review & Approval of Minutes June 27, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes & the May 6, Board Meeting
Dr. Monique Ouwinga made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27,2022 Board Meeting Minutes Meeting Minutes. Dr. Sam Nofziger seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.
2. Finance
2.A. Restricted Grant Presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Surmeian from Charter Impact provided a presentation on the school's grant funding for the year.
2.B. Executive Director & Deputy Director Divvy Expenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Goodman and Steph Johnson presented the reason for this new Board Agenda item to ensure proper checks and balances of financial practices. This month's expenses were related to leadership books for Professional Development. <p>Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Executive Director & Deputy Director</p>

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

2.C. Divvy Error & Corrective Action Plan

- Steph Johnson shared an occurrence of an accidental Divvy error that has already been corrected.

2.D. Unused Planning Amount Fund Use Report

- Steph Johnson provided background for the report being prepared for the Board that will be ready at next month's meeting.

3. Academic Excellence

3.A. Revised Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grant

- Dr. Goodman re-presented ELO Grant with the revised portions that includes in person activities and learning.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve revised Expanded Learning Grant.
Dr. Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3.B. Parent & Family Engagement Policy

- Dr. Laurie Goodman explained that this policy is an annual policy that is required as being a Title 1 School.

Dr. Monique Ouwinga made a motion to approve the Parent & Family Engagement Policy.
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

3.C. Grade Level Promotion & Acceleration Policy & Retention Criteria

- Dr. Laurie Goodman acknowledged that Jenny Plumb and Maria Thoeni have applied research to develop this policy and school approach to grade level retention.
- Denise Voth noted that the decision making is done with care and with consideration of many sources of data and options.
- Jenny Plumb shared that the data collection will be even stronger as her team develops new ways to gather, track, and utilize data.
- Dr. Monique Ouwinga shared that the change to the policy is in line with the schools

vast array of supports and strategic use of data.

- Dr. Sam Nofziger shared the importance of ensuring all families know the options and programs available to them.
- Dr. Craig Wheaton shared that it is certainly important to ensure data is collected and used in decision making, but he also did voice a comment that removing a parent's opportunity to appeal could alienate the family. There is value in allowing families to be heard by a group outside of school administration.
- The Board is requesting the school continue to work on the policy and bring it back next month.

4. Operations

4.A. Travel & Expense Reimbursement Policy

- Dr. Laurie Goodman presented the Travel & Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Travel & Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Dr. Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4.B. School Organizational Chart

- Steph Johnson shared the Leadership Organizational Chart.

4.C. Shared Staff MOU Between Monarch River Academy & Yosemite Valley Charter School

- Dr. Laurie Goodman shared the Shared Staff MOU.
- This MOU will be brought back to the Board with Appendix B with the position and salary/benefit details.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Shared Staff MOU Between Monarch River Academy & Yosemite Valley Charter School

Dr. Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

4.D. Shared Special Education Staff MOU Between Monarch River Academy & Yosemite Valley Charter School

- Dr. Laurie Goodman shared the Shared Staff MOU for Special Education Staff.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Shared Special Education Staff MOU Between Monarch River Academy & Yosemite Valley Charter School

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

5. Governance

5.A. Enrollment Report

- Steph Johnson presented the school's current enrollment report.
- The school continues to take in new students for the 2022-2023 school year.

5.B. COVID-19 Report

- Dr. Laurie Goodman shared that there are no changes from last month's report.
- Dr. Goodman also shared that Fresno County donated 500 COVID-19 tests to the School.

5.C. Board Metrics Chart

- Dr. Goodman presented the proposed 2022-2023 Board Metrics and new format.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Board Metrics Chart.
Dr. Sam Nofziger seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.D. Conflict of Interest Code

- Steph Johnson shared the updates to the Conflict of Interest Code.

Dr. Monique Ouwinga made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Code.
Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.E. Conflict of Interest Policy

- Steph Johnson presented the changes to the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy,
Dr. Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.
The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.F. Purchase of an Annual License for a Board/Governance Platform

- Dr. Monique Ouwinga feels comfortable allowing the school to select an option.
- Dr. Craig Wheaton is interested in the cost of such a platform.

Dr. Craig Wheaton made a motion to have the school select options and quotes that might work for the Board.

Dr. Monique Ouwinga seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

5.G. Board Meeting Format

Dr. Monique Ouwinga made a motion to meet in a hybrid format for August's Board Meeting.

Dr. Craig Wheaton seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

6. Closing Items

7.A. Board of Director Comments & Requests

- No Board comments or requests were made at this time.

7.B. Announcement of the Next Scheduled Board Meetings

Regular: August 23, 2022 at 6:00 PM

7.C. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Monique Ouwinga made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:19 PM.

Dr. Craig Wheaton 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 8:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Sam Nofziger

Prepared by:
Rhonda Duerksen

Noted by:

Craig Wheaton
Craig Wheaton (Aug 24, 2022 12:59 PDT)

Board Secretary

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