

Monarch Elementary School

School Improvement Council Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2025 @ Noon

In-Person ~ Attendees: Mark Loach, Will Reeve, Jennifer Seabrook, Stephanie Franklin, Kaylin Laskowski & Bill Steward

On-Line – Attendees: Brian Godfrey, Lauren Tooley & Alexander Hyatt

1. **School Updates** – Mr. Loach

- SIC report to community in April.
- One person interest survey for SIC secretary, but no interest in SIC chair.
- End of Year activities upcoming (5th grade day & PTA end of year events)

2. **Other Updates** –

a. Mr. Reeve

- MAP testing this week.
- 5 weeks left to state testing.

b. Mrs. Seabrook

- Black History "Hall of Fame" - Each classroom picked an influential person to learn about and create a body biography to display.
- School-wide - Read Across America activities - March 3-7
- Art Show - March 4th
- Monarch's Got Talent - March 31st (K-2nd) April 1st (3r-5th)
- 4th Grade Challenge - All I can think of is that 4th graders are having their annual popsicle bridge competition throughout Greenville Co. on Saturday, March 8th. Bridges will be tested to see how much weight they can hold, as well as be awarded in the categories of Best Architectural Design, Most Original Design, Best Craftsmanship, and Best Structural. Monarch is submitting 17 bridges this year.
- 3rd grade challenge students are continuing our exciting theater and creative expressions unit where we're reading A Midsummer Night's Dream and completing a plot diagram to analyze its structure.
- 4th Grade - This month 4th Grade has a field trip to Roper Mountain March 12 and 13. We are excited about using Accountable Talk in our classroom discussions. This promotes higher thinking skills and more student involvement. 4k has been working on PBL for Wheels and Things that Go!: had a speaker from the local bike shop come and explain about how bicycles & wheels of bikes work.
- Monster Truck and race cars coming to school for students to observe.
- A lot of hands-on experiences for students to learn about wheels and things that go.
- the celebration of learning of wheels and things that go with parents Thursday.
- K5 - In March I am testing running a PBL for math. The students will be using their art skills, team skills, and math skills to create a flower market. End product is to sell their flowers to the public (not real money). The team will be doing an oceans PBL in the middle of April to about the end of May.
- 5th Grade - March 7th - 50's Day

3. **PTA Updates** – Mrs. Franklin

- Special Olympics & Carnival t-shirt
- New hand dryers needed in the atrium & 4th & 5th grade halls.
 1. Total 12 hand dryers needed.
 2. Probably \$200-\$800 per hand dryer
 3. Need to get approved through DFK.
 4. Mrs. Laskowski & Mr. Godfrey produce options and prices to review.

4. **Next Meeting Date:** April 7, 2025 @ Noon

5. **Adjourn:** 12:18 pm