

Monarch Elementary School

2224 Five Forks Road

Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681

School Improvement Council Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2024 @ 9 am

In-Person ~ Attendees: Mark Loach, Kathy Dawson, Leasa Dacus, Sarah Dulin, Erin Richardson & Beth Halasz

On-Line ~ Attendees: Brian Godfrey, Lauren Tooley, Amy Gardner, Kelli McCormick, Joy Howie, Kaylin Laskowski, Mimi Williams, Caitlin Pawlowski & Melanie Hyatt

1. Principal Updates – Mr. Loach

a. Exciting News! –

- Shade cover is up for ADA playground & 2 standalone equipment being installed.
- Playground at 1st grade classrooms beginning to go up.
- Lu system approved ~\$34,000

2. School Updates –

a. Ms. Dawson ~ Field trips - last week for 5th grade & Roper Mtn field trip

b. Ms. Dacus

- Testing 2-5th grade
- Scores trending in the correct direction.
- ARMES & MAP testing upcoming

c. Ms. Crouch working on 5th grade placement for middle school.

3. PTA Updates – Mrs. Williams

a. Upcoming dances

- Father/daughter dance on 2/16
- Mother/son dance on 3/8

b. Upcoming Monapalooza & Silent Auction

4. Mascots for Monarch Elementary –

a. Mr. Godfrey ~ Discussed that currently narrowed down to 3 mascot pictures.

- A Lion King with Robe and Staff
 - 1. Maybe make robe shorter & no staff?
- Will be used for school functions, especially Boosterthon

b. Question about who will pay for the Mascot

- If PTA funds used, then will have to have vote from general membership to use the funds.
- Maybe want to go ahead and put color to the Lion King & Butterfly
- Mrs. Dulin suggested that once it is narrowed down to 1 or 2 mascots, then the students at Monarch should vote.

5. General Discussion/Questions –

- If have any suggestions throughout the month for SIC or mascot, can email Mr. Godfrey
- PTA gave back 20% of Boosterthon funds raised for teachers to buy classroom supplies.
- PTA funds – goal is to be used for something to benefit all students and make the school better

- d. Mr. Loach discussed that the students are allocated certain time of active minutes daily, just like minutes of math and rest of curriculum. Outdoor spaces are used for learning when weather is nice.

6. **Future Meeting Date:** Monday, March 4, 2024 @ Noon