

Monarch Elementary SIC Meeting 10/7/25 @ 1200

In person- Mr. Loach, Bill Stewart, Kaylin Laskowski, Mrs. Seabrook, Abby Crawford, Crystin Collins, Sarah Dulin, Laura Boyce, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Hydrick, Mrs. Bostic, Officer Cunningham, Anne Simpson

Online- June Dominguez, Sallie Sexton

Community partners for SIC- ideas of who to reach out to. Crystin suggested Sylvan. Abby will ask Sprouts about being a community partner.

PTA (Crystin, Mr. Loach, Booserthon committee) met with playground company today. Mock-up may be possible, but will take time. Sarah asked about swings. District is now approving swings. Mr. Loach talked with facilities department/Dwayne. The district doesn't have a hard no, but it is not recommended. Real estate is not there for the grounds we are looking at, could get 2 swings at most. Dwayne is working on quotes.

From PTA- Boosterthon is coming up in 2 weeks. In need of volunteers. Mrs. Seabrook asked about PTA faculty membership, did not see a faculty membership option. There is now an option. Clubs have started and t-shirts have been purchased. Class shirts have been delivered and additional shirts ordered.

Crystin nominated Abby to be secretary, approved by SIC attendees.

Sarah Dulin-asking for employee and parent input. Cell phone tower companies are leasing land for towers on school property. Money split 50/50 between company and district. 10 year lease. Monarch is not currently being considered as a site. District currently has 5 towers. Bill asked about network and if it helps with service- Sarah said not necessarily. Mrs., Hydrick was asking about aesthetics and disruption in learning due to construction. Parents present were concerned about the safety of tower staff walking around campus. Bill brought up it is a tax payer property but a private company. Mrs. Hydrick would talk about the depreciated value of the land and homes in the area. Next question brought up is what happens when the tower lease is up, where does the tower go. Towers company asking for the land, not the other way around. General consensus is that we are not in favor of these towers.

Officer Cunningham- last week, we implemented the DARE program. 6 officers in the district got certified to teach. Poison, 911, etc for 1st grade. First school in Greenville County to start the 5th grade program. 9 kids came in, currently a 10 week course. Will incorporate with the entire 5th grade in the spring.

Mrs. Bostic- Fist Bump Friday this Friday. Officers will be in the front and back of school to welcome kids in the AM. Will be 5-10 patrol cars, plus potentially the fire department. PTA will make a facebook post and Mr. Loach will send a blast so parents aren't alarmed by law enforcement presence. Starting at Monarch and will go through the schools in the district. Could potentially come back in the spring to Monarch.

Mrs. Simpson- Asking about recycling in school. Mrs. Payne received a grant for bins for paper. Also do composting and aluminum currently. Asked about the required amount of time for lunch versus allowing extra time for recess- that is a state mandated time. Asked about how frequently we talk about test scores around children and how parents should shoulder that versus kids. Suggested education for parents. During SC Ready last year, parents were encouraged to write notes about how test scores don't define how you do. Abby asked about what we can do for all the second grade testing coming up. Have agreed to make posters for MVPA testing upcoming.

Laura Boyce- Garden Committee Chair. Garden is looking nicer, cleared weeds. Planted some mums and pumpkins this weekend. Work day is scheduled for Oct 25. Priority to cleaning up the garden so teachers can utilize that space for lessons. Weekly "weed warriors" for maintenance depending on reception. Making sure previous chairs are included in the communication. Crystin will put in Bob's calendar for the upcoming workday.

Mrs. Bostic- October 14- National Pink Out Day. Wear pink and pink balloons for BCA. Would like to recognize Mr. Loach for principal's month, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Seabrook for Instructional Coach day, and custodial staff for custodial day.

Mrs. Hydrick- PTA sharing posts has gained the school's page traction. Parents are able to see daily instruction and positive things in the school. Mrs. Hydrick monitors who follows and asked that if we see anything suspicious to email her.

Next SIC- Nov 4 @ 9am in multipurpose room.