

# *Monarch High School*



## **Minutes School Advisory Council October 6, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**

### Welcome

Ms. Jusevic called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Jusevic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Review of Minutes

Minutes for September 1, 2009 were approved as read.

### Election of Members and Officers

18 new parents were elected. Tammy Freeman was voted in as Secretary. Lauren Graber was voted in as staff Co-chair. There were 2 parents interested in the parent Co-chair position – Jeanne Jusevic and Jaylyn Victoria. After voting Jeanne Jusevic was elected Co-chair.

### Principal's report

Mr. Neer welcomed the new parents to SAC and indicated that the parents of Monarch are outstanding. He let the new parents know his three main areas of focus for Monarch, which includes academic, communication, and school spirit.

Mr. Neer indicated that the Pin Wheels for Peace and the Pep Rally went well. He also indicated that the Instructional Review Team (IRT) visit went well and that Monarch is on target in all the focus areas.

Monarch's class size reduction total is 25.92. We need to be under 25. We are still working on this and should be where we need to be by the next time the data is taken. Enrollment is now at 2,116.

#### Chair's report

Ms. Jusevic indicated that the district is looking at all of the Innovative Programs (magnet programs, etc.). If enrollment is low schools may lose the programs that they have.

The district is revamping the committee that handles the Code of Conduct. The number of members has been changed from 62 to 32. The Code of Conduct is in effect for 2 years and the committee will only meet if something has to be changed.

#### Old Business

There was no old business.

#### New Business

##### *Achieve 3000*

Dr. Sweeting indicated that Achieve 3000 is the program that is used in the reading department to assist in teaching reading skills and strategies. Perkins and Accountability funds fund the program. We did not get enough money from the Perkins grant and need to use more accountability funds to pay for the program. The total need from accountability is \$6,650 and not \$3,000 as indicated in the school improvement plan. After discussion Ms. Graber made a motion to spend \$6,650 to assist in paying for the program. Ms. Demby seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### *Parent Communication*

Ms. Jusevic that all avenues of communication must be used to keep parents updated on what is happening at the school. Suggestions included more parent callouts and having more information on the school's website.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Moira A. Sweeting