

# *Monarch High School*



## **Minutes School Advisory Council May 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**

### Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Jusevic led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Review of Minutes

The minutes for both March 24, 2009 and April 28, 2009 were reviewed. There were 2 changes on the minutes for March 24, 2009. Minutes approved as read with adjustments.

### Principal's report

Today was the last day for seniors. Cap and Gown distribution will be on May 28, 2009. Rehearsal will be on May 29, 2009 and graduation will take place on May 31, 2009.

We are a Differentiated Accountability (DA) School. It is the states response for schools that have not made AYP for the past 3 years. We are a Correct 2 'A' school. Stimulus money will be available to assist us. We will get a math coach for the 2009-2010 school year because of our DA status.

\$780,000 has been awarded in scholarship money. To date Monarch students have received over \$3,000,000 in scholarship money.

20 teachers will take Advanced Placement (AP) training over the summer in various subject areas. The teachers include present AP teachers and those teachers interested in becoming AP teachers in the future.

Ms. Dilgen informed parents that Monarch needs someone for the District Facilities Advisory board for the next school year. She indicated that the group meets once a month to discuss facility issues.

Monarch hosted an Excalibur Parent Night on Thursday June 21, 2009. The meeting was held to provide the parents of our incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders the benefits of the program. The parents and students present heard from graduating seniors and students presently enrolled in the program.

Dr. Sweeting provided information regarding the closeout of School Improvement Plan (SIP) for the 2008-2009. 99% of the action steps were completed in all of the areas, which include math, reading, writing, science, and other. The action steps not completed will be addressed during the 2009-2010 school year.

#### Chair's report

A CCC settlement workshop will take place in June 2009.

Monarch needs to heavily recruit SAC members for next year and beyond. The state has mandated that in order to conduct business that you must have a quorum of 50 + 1. Of the quorum present 50 + 1 must be parents.

At the DAC workshop Ms. Jusevic gave a report of the ways parents can get involved in school. She indicated that parent involvement does not only include groups like SAC, SAF and PTSA. She said that parent involvement might also include parent conferences, etc.

There is a change with the Discipline Matrix with regard to cheating. There is now a category entitled 'Cheating Major'. An example of this would be selling a test to students. The consequence is external suspension.

The school Code of Conduct will become a 2-year book.

Sexting is addressed in the Code of Conduct book under the section dealing with videos and electronic devices.

Both Ms. Jusevic and Ms. Gray thank the Monarch staff and administration for helping their children over the last four years. Both of them will have a child graduating in this year's senior class.

#### Anti-Bullying Update

The 'Love is Not Abuse' curriculum is now available for teachers if they want to use it in their classrooms. Information can be found on the Anti-Bullying Conference.

There will be a safety and security workshop over the summer. It will be 4 days for Elementary Schools and 3 days for Middle and High Schools.

Old Business

There is no old business.

New Business

Ms. Dilgen would like to have a non-voting meeting SAC meeting during the month of July to review information in the SIP. The draft of the plan is due August 3, 2009. A date will be set and if members are available they are welcome to attend the meeting.

The first meeting for the 2009-2010 school year will take place on September 1, 2009. The meeting dates for the remainder of the year will be chosen at that time.

Ms. Gray also wanted us to be aware that students can buy community service over the Internet. She said that a few students in the South Area would not be walking because they purchased their service hours.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Moira A. Sweeting

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