

SIC Meeting Minutes, 9/12/22

In attendance: Kylie Putman, Stephanie Franklin, Mimi Williams, Christine Stillwell, Allison Huffstutler, Erin Rimmler, Mark Loach, Jennifer Woody, Leasa Dacus, Caroline Coy, Beth Halasz

The SIC elected Kylie Putman to be the 2022-23 SIC chair. Mr. Loach shared about SCREADY scores. Monarch was in the top 10% in ELA in the district, and we did very well in Math and Science. There will be a celebration for students and a separate celebration for staff. Ms. Rimmler spoke about the new math interventionist, and she shared updates about the ELA/reading program. Mrs. Woody gave updates about MAP testing. Mrs. Dacus gave updates about her work with teachers. Mrs. Coy spoke on behalf of Mrs. Crouch and herself. Mrs. Crouch will be sharing information with families about middle school. Mrs. Williams gave information about PTA and encouraged everyone to help where they can. PTA has a lot of events scheduled, and she promoted communication, positive attitudes, and the importance of team effort. Mrs. Franklin shared information about room parents. Teachers have been given the opportunity to choose the parents who are their room parents. Some classes have as many as four room parents to ensure that each teacher has the support they need. Mrs. Putman shared some information about herself. She expressed the desire to help teachers with mentoring. She wants to make sure our students are ready to transition from elementary school to middle, and she wants to help eliminate distractions so teachers can maximize their instructional time. She spoke about student behavior and safety when on the internet. Mrs. Franklin asked about volunteers coming in to assist teachers. Mrs. Coy shared about Rick Floyd coming to Monarch to speak with students. Mrs. Woody shared some of the things that Monarch does to help students with internet responsibility. Mrs. Halasz said she was told to ask about the buddy program. Mr. Loach explained that Monarch has always had some form of a buddy program for the past eleven years, but it looked a little different the past couple of years. He said that Mrs. Hibbs and Mrs. Huffstutler did a lot with the WINGS program. They decided to work on getting a copyright for their curriculum, and they met with Mr. Loach about the program. Mr. Loach told them he was happy to continue using the program the way it was, but moving forward we would not use the paid program. Since Mrs. Hibbs and Mrs. Huffstutler had worked with staff on the WINGS program, Mr. Loach decided it was best to come up with a totally fresh program. Staff have been working on a new program, and it will be unveiled in the near future. Mrs. Halasz also asked about recess, and Mr. Loach explained that the number of physical activity minutes as well as academic content area minutes for students are determined by the state. Mr. Loach encouraged those present in the meeting to reach out to community members who could provide positive feedback for Monarch's SIC.