



Highlights from November 10th, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting

Carline Statement from the Board of Directors

Mrs. Belisle read the following statement on behalf of the entire Board:

*To: Monument Academy Carline Drivers
Re: Carline Conduct at West and East Campuses
From: Monument Academy Board of Directors
Date: November 8, 2022*

Thank you to everyone who makes the carline drop-off and pick-up a success. Without your disciplined adherence to our carline procedures, we would not be able to successfully manage the over 1,100 student drop-offs and pick-ups in a safe and relatively quick manner. Each day getting roughly 600 students in and out of West Campus and another 500 students in and out of East is no small undertaking; and we thank you for all you do to make this process go as smoothly as possible.

However, it has come to our attention that a small number of drivers are committing traffic violations, not following the requested procedures, and losing their tempers at staff and other drivers.

Speeding, stopping in undesignated places, and ignoring procedures only act to slow down the operation, but moreover is UNSAFE for both staff and students. Furthermore, disrespectful behavior toward our hardworking staff and other drivers is unacceptable. Remember too, making a left turn onto HWY 105 out of West Campus is strictly prohibited at ALL times. Finally, once you enter the West Campus property (just past the vision center), the traffic flow is one-way only.

For the safety of our children, staff and consideration of others, we will have no other recourse than notating specific cars who violate our carline rules. Ticketing and revoking carline access to our campuses is not the desired enforcement; but can and will be utilized if unwanted conduct continues. Remember, being late is not a viable excuse for risking injury to a child or staff member.

We must work together and realize that carline takes time. Please budget that into your daily routine. We know it's not ideal, but we need your patience and cooperation for the safety of our staff and our students. We also want to model our best behavior in front of our kids.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Sincerely,

The Monument Academy Board of Directors

Before/After School Care Update

The board voted to approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding with Leading Edge to provide Before/After School Care. This MOU will now be reviewed by them before any agreement is made. MA West campus is also in the process of setting a time for the facility to be inspected for licensing.

East Campus Modular Update

Per the vote made by the Board at the Oct 25th meeting, Meyer Innovations will begin work on our East Campus modulares to get them ready for use.

East Campus PTO: Awards Donation

The board voted to approve a donation of \$400 from board discretionary funds towards the awards presentation to be held at an East Campus Staff Christmas Party on December 15th.

Honoring Veterans at D38 School Board Meeting

Mr. Graham and Mrs. Clinton will participate in a joint recognition ceremony to honor Veterans serving in our district and at MA at the Nov 14th D38 school board meeting.

Board Work Session

The board will be holding a special meeting work session on October 21st at 1pm to commence with the development of an updated strategic plan.

School Spotlight:

Rachel and Karstens were nominated to be honored for the November School Spotlight. The following nomination was submitted to the Board and presented Oct 6th:

The Karstens are much deserving of the school spotlight. For two years they have devoted their time and often their personal finances to ensure the success of our MA middle school football program. Coach Scott stepped up last year when no one else was available to coach our team. He gathered a group of other fantastic dads (including his own) to mentor, teach, train and coach our Lynx team to two very successful seasons including the league championship for 2022.

Coach Scott not only led our Lynx to winning seasons, but he and his coaching team did so much more. They made sure our players were learning the key fundamentals of football. In fact, many of our players had never played tackle football in their life. He instilled a love of the game and taught our players to be fine examples of sportsmanship, good conduct, and hard work.

Rachel Karstens also played a key role in supporting the program as she put in countless hours on the sidelines, gave rides to many kids to our games and tended to injured players. For the last two years, the Karstens went out of their way to organize a team banquet for the players and their families at the end of each season. Coach Scott gave small speeches about each player and their unique contributions to the team. Touches like this made the football experience extra special for each player and their families. To know the coaches cared and knew these kids so well was part of what made the last two years so successful.

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Monument Academy couldn't have asked for a better duo to serve our kids and bring our school the pride of two back-to-back winning seasons capped off by the thrill of bringing home the championship this year. Thank you to Scott and Rachel Karstens for all the time and service you gave to our football program, the players, and our school!

At the beginning of each of our monthly meetings, the Board takes a moment for a "School Spotlight." This is a time for us to honor members from our community who have gone above and beyond in their duties and responsibilities for our school. This nominee can be a teacher, staff or parent. If you would like to make a nomination, please email Mr. Craig Carle at: ccarle-board@monumentacademy.net.

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