

Highlights from September 8th, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting

School Spotlight:

The executive admin team nominated Tina McLellan, Kara Giroux, and Julie Ritschard to be spotlighted at the September meeting.

Tina McLellan, Julie Ritschard, and Kara Giroux are exemplary role models of "going the extra mile," as many Monument Academy employees do. This summer, we twice hired a registrar, only to have the person that was hired resign within a few weeks or not be able to move here and fill the position. Because of this shortage in staffing, these three ladies jumped in to help pick up many of the registrar duties. They learned new skills and put in extra hours to help MA prepare for the beginning of the school year. They also bring a great deal of joy to their respective offices and make MA a great place to work for others. We so appreciate their efforts behind the scenes, which often goes un-noticed. To all three of you, we thank you and appreciate you. For this and all the other things you do every day, you are more than worthy of the spotlight.

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.

Before/After School Care

The school is considering Before and After School care with an organization called Leading Edge. The board has asked school legal counsel to review the revised Memorandum of Understanding. This is the same organization being utilized by D38. If approved, service would start after Monument Academy has received its licensing from the State, which is expected in the next 2-4 weeks. The program has a cap of 75 students and is for ages 5-12 years. The MOU will be discussed further at the October 6th, 2022 Regular Session Board meeting.

East Campus Modulars

Monument Academy is actively seeking bids to get the modulars online.

September Coffee Chats with Board Members

Join two board members each month for a coffee chat with our MA community. The next gathering is on September 19th from 9-10am at Serrano's Coffee Company. Board Members Danny O'Brien and Lindsay Clinton will be in attendance. Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/oDXrNB3DRsF6zggT7>

Board Vacancy

In accordance with the Board of Directors Bylaws ([Section 3.3](#)) the Board made an appointment to fill an 8 month vacancy after a community Q&A meeting on September 1st, followed by a board closed ballot vote on September 8th. The selected appointee is Mr. Michael Geers. He will be sworn at the October board meeting.

District 38 Mill Levy Override

After board discussion in executive session, the following statement was read aloud by Board President, Ryan Graham:

"The Board is very cognizant that the District and community have interest and hope that we will take a position on the MLO efforts. We recognize the importance to Monument Academy and its teachers. We plan to meet with the District and explore this in detail with the intent to reconsider this at our next board meeting."

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