

MONUMENT ACADEMY
“A Charter School, a Public School of Choice”
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

January 12, 2023 at 6pm MST
Monument Academy East Gym

Mission Statement:

The mission of Monument Academy is to provide a challenging, content – rich, academic program offered within an engaging, caring, and positive learning environment. Established on a solid foundation of knowledge, Monument Academy emphasizes academic excellence, respect, responsibility, character and exemplary citizenship.

- A. CALL TO ORDER/MISSION STATEMENT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL/QUORUM**
- B. ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- C. SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT**
- D. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS** *Limit 3 minutes per person*
- E. CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. Approve minutes from December 16, 2022.
 - b. Approve minutes from January 3, 2023.
 - c. Approve next meeting date of February 9, 2023 at 6pm at the East Campus.
- F. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION & COMMITTEES:**
 - a. COO: Mrs. McClelland
 - b. Committees
 - i. Highway 105 Committee Report: Mr. Graham
 - ii. Curriculum: Mrs. Belisle
 - iii. SAAC – West: Mr. Geers
 - iv. SAAC – East: Mrs. Belisle
 - v. Governance: Mr. Buczkowski
 - vi. Finance: Mr. Buczkowski
 - vii. Buildings & Facilities: Mr. O’Brien
 - viii. Volunteer: Mrs. Clinton
 - ix. RDC: Mr. Carle
- G. ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION:**
 - a. ColoTrust Resolution
 - b. Preschool Tuition Contract Update
 - c. Red Cross Facility Request
 - d. 2023 Board of Directors Election information
 - e. Proposed Bylaw change to Article III Section 3.2
 - f. COO Strategic Plan Presentation
- H. BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- I. NEW BUSINESS**
- J. ADJOURNMENT**
- K. CITIZEN COMMENTS NOT PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Monument Academy Regular Session Board meetings are uploaded to our YouTube Channel here: [Monument Academy School Board - YouTube](#)

MA West Elementary Board Report- 1/10/23

Staff have returned and are re-energized after a nice Winter Break.

We held a K-5th grade Open House for the community on Tuesday night to showcase our school for those interested in enrolling for next year.

We received an email from O'Neil Arrington from Capturing Kids Hearts letting us know we have been chosen to apply for the National School Showcase award. This chance to showcase our school comes after our site visit. Mr. Arrington was pleased with what he saw here at the West Campus and said it was evident that we are practicing the relationship building that CKH teaches. We will be completing the required components of the application and will keep you posted.

We hired two fantastic teachers to fill out two open teaching positions. Both teachers started with us on 1/3/23. We also hired a 3rd grade para, who started yesterday.

Kurt Walker
Principal

Laura Barrette
Assistant Principal

Middle School Principal Report December/January

New Staff in the Building

The administration team is very excited with our new staff that started the second semester with us. I would like to introduce our new team members:

Lisa Rich – 7th grade English/Logic

Kevin Chalfant – 6th grade History

Zachery Ricks – 8th grade English

Anderson Tremaine – 2nd period Science/Global Trek

Thorin Wang – Physical Education

The early feedback has been great that the teachers are developing positive connections with the students and creating a safe learning environment.

Get the Scoop on Middle School

There was a great turnout for the event with about 150 parents/students in the building. Most of the families were current fifth grade Monument Academy with a few families outside of the school. We had ice cream from Lollies and were able to showcase what Monument Academy Middle School can offer our families. We also had a great turnout from staff to support with answering questions, giving tours, and showing their commitment to the school. I heard several positive comments from staff about the conversations they had with families.

Staff Party

I wanted to say thank you to the East Campus PTO for providing a wonderful evening for our staff to enjoy each other in a different setting. They made the commons look unrecognizable and providing an evening with a quality dinner, music, and thoughtful appreciation gifts for the staff. It was something new and different, very much appreciated by the staff.

Athletics

Girls Basketball has started up and our teams have been off to a great start. It will be exciting to see how their season develops and get to see our students perform in the athletic arena. The middle school has also started up the first speed, agility, and conditioning program that will be taking place on Tuesday and Thursday for the next six weeks. This will provide the opportunity for students to engage in some activities that will prepare them for their upcoming seasons and learn how to train at the next level. This program is being conducted by our Officer Perry, and he is bringing in a lot of guests to talk to our students.

Future

We look forward to jumping into a new academic semester and continuing to watch our students grow. We have some exciting field trips planned for the students in the second semester, which include an 8th grade trip to Estes Park, 7th grade trip to Ponderosa, and an 8th grade field trip to the court house to

learn about the judicial system which is being taught in class. The administration team is excited to start seeing the Watch D.O.G.S. around the building and in the classrooms with the launch event starting on January 10, 2023.

Respectfully,

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Angela Duca

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT | Mr. Kennington

January 12, 2023

Monument Academy High School had an *excellent* start to the second semester, and there is a great deal of energy and enthusiasm present in the building as we plan and prepare for the exciting events that await this marvelous high school.

Four Year Academic Planning

In order to efficiently utilize projected high school staff and creatively employ available classroom space, the high school community of staff and parents have begun reviewing our course offerings and graduation requirements.

In the endeavor to provide a robust college preparatory experience, we desire to further grow our stable of Advanced Placement (AP) offerings as well as continuing many of our concurrent and dual enrollment courses.

Additionally, and after soliciting volunteers from our families, a number of parents have signed up to participate in a parent advisory group, whose purpose is to provide guidance and input on how we fulfill MA's mission and vision at the high school. In the near term, this group will begin to explore how to best deliver the *Senior Seminar and Rhetoric* class, which is a graduation requirement.

PSAT / SAT Exams

Our Academy will offer the PSAT and SAT test series to all students during the week of April 10th.

These tests provide valuable insights to students and parents about college readiness, and we would encourage full participation by our student body. Furthermore, strong performance on these tests can open the door to many merit scholarships and other financial aid. Additionally, the SAT will provide the first opportunity for students to meet Colorado's graduation requirement of a demonstration of proficiency in Math and English.

For the school, these tests are also a critical component of how we track student performance and quantify the outcomes of our college preparatory curriculum.

Athletics

We are proud to announce that Monument Academy High School was voted into the Black Forest Athletic League (BFL) in December. This achievement resulted from a months-long campaign by MA Athletic Director Michael Svendsen who worked tirelessly with the BFL to ensure our high school was positioned to meet their standards.

Acceptance into an athletic league is a critical step in the high school being inducted into the Colorado High School Athletic Association (CHSAA), representatives of which have now scheduled a final site visit later this month.

Classical Education

Plato's original Academy outside of Athens formed the epicenter of many of the philosophies and belief systems which still reverberate in Western Civilization to this day. One of those beliefs is that the concepts of *goodness*, *truth*, and *beauty* exist and can be studied and known by students.

This semester, as staff receive further professional development on how best to deliver a classical education, we will explore the concept of what it means to pursue the good, the true, and the beautiful.

For students, in advance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, an all-high school assembly was held where we explored how the American Civil Rights movement took a courageous stand about truth, and claimed that certain absolutes did exist, particularly those regarding human dignity and worth.

We discussed how Martin Luther King called America back to its founding principles of self-evident truths in his famous *I Have a Dream Speech*. Our SRO, Officer Trey Perry, served as a special guest in that assembly, and shared the experiences of his relatives who participated in the 1963 *March on Washington* and heard MLK speak in person.



MONUMENT ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election Information

What does it mean to serve on the MA Board of Directors?

As a charter, school policy is set by a volunteer parent Board. Members of the Board work diligently to ensure the school is staying true to the mission and vision of Monument Academy. The Board has two employees, the COO and CFO, and together this team makes decisions for the current and future success of the school.

Who Can Apply?

- Parents or Guardians of a current Monument Academy student are eligible
- Applicants must be at least 25 years of age
- Applicants should have an enthusiasm for MA and conviction in its purpose

Election Timeline

Now - March 31st:

- Complete the application and submit it to the Board
- Meet with 1-2 Board members to ask questions about the position
- Confirm desire to be an official candidate
- Attend as many Board meetings as possible

April:

- Give a 5-minute statement of interest at Board Meeting
- Community Q&A session with candidates
- Formal 5-day election held last week of April

May:

- Election results announced to the community at the Board Meeting

June:

- Newly elected Directors sworn in at Board meeting, effective July 1st
- Complete Board training & background check

July:

- July 1 begins a 3-year term as a voting member of the MA Board of Directors

Submit an application using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/BhkEohPuyPd4T7Wz9>

Still have questions?

E-mail: Board@MonumentAcademy.net



Monument Academy Preschool Program
 1150 Village Ridge Point
 Monument, CO 80132
 Phone: (719)481-1950 Fax: 719-481-1948

Preschool Tuition Contract (DRAFT)

Preschool Level 1 Options (Choose <u>ONLY</u> one) (Must be 3 years of age prior to the first day of school)		
Option 1 AM		
<input type="checkbox"/> M/W/F (8:15-11:15)	10 payments of	\$375.00
or		
<input type="checkbox"/> T/Th (8:15-11:15)	10 payments of	\$250.00
Option 2 PM		
<input type="checkbox"/> M/W NO Friday (11:30-2:30)	10 payments of	\$250.00
or		
<input type="checkbox"/> T/Th (11:30-2:30)	10 payments of	\$250.00

Preschool Level 2 Options (Choose <u>ONLY</u> one)		
Option 1 (AM)		
<input type="checkbox"/> M/T/W/Th/F (8:15-11:15)	10 payments of	\$625.00
Option 2 (PM)		
<input type="checkbox"/> M/T/W/Th NO Friday (11:30-2:30)	10 payments of	\$500.00
Option 3 (FULL DAY)		
<input type="checkbox"/> M/T/W/Th (8:15-2:30, Friday 11:15 dismissal)	10 payments of	\$1,125.00
Option 4 (FULL DAY)		
<input type="checkbox"/> M/W/F (8:15-2:30, Friday 11:15 dismissal)	10 payments of	\$625.00
Option 5 (FULL DAY)		
<input type="checkbox"/> T/Th (8:15-2:30)	10 payments of	\$500.00

The first payment plus a \$150 materials fee is due at this time. The first payment as well as the \$150 materials fee is non-refundable. This is a deposit that ensures your child's seat in the program. The remaining payments are **due on the first of the month** from August to April. If you withdraw from the program, you will need to give 2 weeks notice to the director and registrar, as well as required to pay your monthly tuition fee through the next full month.

If a payment is not received by the 10th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be added to the balance due. If no arrangement for payment has been made and payment is 30 days past due, administration will be notified, and your child may be removed from the Monument Academy Preschool program. If you choose to pay the balance in full at time of this letter, you will receive a 5% discount on the amount of the tuition.

By signing this acceptance letter you agree to make the payment(s) when due and to abide by all policies and procedures of Monument Academy.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Please note: These are only options. Classes will be created based on interest.