



Highlights from August 10, 2023 Board of Directors' Regular Meeting

West Campus Carline Update

A Hwy 105 / West Campus carline town hall was held to present the 3 separate phases that will impact the West Campus carline this school year. **If you have children at West Campus, it is imperative that you familiarize yourself with the carline procedures.** If you have further questions regarding the West Campus carline, please direct those questions to Jake Dicus, Operations Manager at carline@monumentacademy.net.

Additionally, a short video highlighting phase 1 can be found at the following link:

[Monument Academy West Campus Phase 1 Traffic Flow](#)

Renderings of the 3 phases can be found here: [MA West Campus Carline](#)

Executive Director Update

Enrollment - Enrollment numbers have shifted a little but Monument Academy is still up from the previous 22-23 school year overall. As of August 10th enrollment is as follows:

Elementary (K-5) = 518

Middle School = 399

High School = 130

Class Sizes - Due to attrition that occurs before October count and to be fiscally responsible with our school budget for both schools we will oversubscribe classes by only 1 student per class based on the ratios and only if needed to allow students. To date no grade level is above the staff to student ratio set by the board of directors.

Free and Reduced Lunch - Monument Academy will be participating in the state's free lunch program for both campuses. There will be a fee for any additional items or extra drinks that students will want to purchase. However, families will still need to submit their Free and Reduced lunch documentation the same as in years past if you need assistance in other ways. For detailed information, eligibility requirements, or to print an application, click on this link: [Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#).

School Communication Update: ParentSquare App

We are excited to announce that we adopted a new form of school-to-home communication at Monument Academy called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform informs parents and guardians and encourages greater engagement and connection with Monument Academy East & West. It provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to:



- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- Schedule parent-teacher conferences
- and much more... all in one centralized place!

If you are not getting communication, please check the primary contact person in the Infinite Campus email, the secondary contacts from Infinite Campus were recently sent an invite. If you still cannot find this information, check your spam folder or the email you have listed in Infinite Campus. We are happy to announce that 96% of families are reachable, and only 46 families we can identify are not contactable. This means the email bounced back, or you have specified in IC that you do not want to be contacted by email. If you have issues downloading the app or seeing your students' info, please contact Mrs. Kuhlmann at kkuhlmann@monumentacademy.net.

Secondary School Parent/Student Handbook

The 23/24 Parent/Student Handbook for Monument Academy East was reviewed and approved. Please look for the updated version to be posted on our website shortly. Handbooks will be available in ParentSquare soon as well.

SRO Update

Monument Academy is continuing its partnership with the Monument Police Department. We have signed another annual contract with the Monument Police Department. Monument Academy will continue to have an SRO presence in and around the campuses during the school year.

22-23 Baseline School Dashboard

Monument Academy's first school dashboard was presented with baseline Academic Data, Behavior and Average Daily Attendance Data. The explanation of the dashboard from Mrs. Strawbridge can be reviewed from the board meeting recording. The data presented will be posted on the school website soon.



Curriculum Policies

New curriculum policies were discussed and are expected to be approved at the September 14th board meeting. Teachers were presented with the draft policies during the beginning of the year's professional development held on August 11th with Mrs. Leone, our Director of Academics. Thank you again to the Curriculum Committee, who put in much work to develop these policies.

September Board/Parent Café Chat

Board members Craig Carle and Lindsay Clinton invite you to join them at Serranos Coffee on September 6th from 8:30-9:30 am at Serranos Coffee Company.

Please RSVP here: [Sept 6 RSVP](#).

What's coming up?

- MA Board of Directors Regular Meeting: September 14th at 6:30 pm in the East Campus Gym
 - Public Comments are welcome related to agenda or non-agenda items. You must attend in person and sign-up on the public comment sheet before 6:30 pm. Meetings are recorded and uploaded to our YouTube Channel: [Monument Academy Charter School](#). For live streams, click on "live." For meetings that were recorded and uploaded, click on "videos."



Yearly BOD Calendar for 2023-2024

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Monument Academy West Campus Gym

MONTH	DATE	TYPE	STATUS
July 2023	13th	Retreat	DONE
August 2023	10th	Regular	DONE
September 2023	14 th	Regular	
October 2023	5 th	Regular	
	26 th	Work Session	
November 2023	16th	Regular	
December 2023	14th	Regular	
January 2024	11 th	Regular	
February 2024	8 th	Regular	
	22 nd	Work Session	
March 2024	14 th	Regular	
April 2024	11 th	Regular	
	25 th	Work Session	
May 2024	16 th	Regular	
June 2024	13 th	Regular	
June 2024	14 th	Retreat	