

Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Location

ANCS Elementary Campus - 688 Grant St. 30315

Notice of this meeting was made on the ANCS website in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Duration
I. Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Melissa McKay-Hagan	1
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Mitch White	1
C. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Melissa McKay-Hagan	3
D. PTCA Report		Joy Prince	5
Standing monthly report from the ANCS Parent-Teacher-Community Association			
E. Principals' Open Forum		Lara Zelski & Cathey Goodgame	5
Standing monthly opportunity for ANCS principals to share highlights from each campus.			
II. New Business			
A. 2016-17 New Board Member Slate	Vote	Leigh Finlayson	10
Presentation of proposed slate of new board members for 2016-17 school year			
III. Executive Director's Report			
A. FY17 Budget Presentation	Discuss	Matt Underwood & Ryan Camp	15
Presentation on priorities for FY17 ANCS budget development			
IV. Business & Operations			
A. Monthly financial statements	FYI	Kari Lovell	7
V. Educational Excellence			
A. 2016 Legislative Session Update	FYI	Eric Teusink	5
B. Monthly Educational Excellence Report	FYI	Tiffany Mitchell	5
VI. Fund Development			
A. Monthly fund development report	Discuss	Narin Hassan	10
VII. Executive Session			

A. Executive Session	Vote	Mitch White	15
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The board *may* enter into executive session to discuss matters related to personnel, real estate, student discipline, and/or litigation in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Brief Meeting Reflection	Discuss	Mitch White	5
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ANCS board reflection on governance practices from board meeting

B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Mitch White	1
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Agenda Cover Sheets

- Section:** **I. Opening Items**
Item: D. PTCA Report
Purpose: FYI
Goal:
Submitted by:
Related Material: PTCA_report_apr2016JGP.docx
- Section:** **II. New Business**
Item: A. 2016-17 New Board Member Slate
Purpose: Vote
Goal:
Submitted by:
Related Material: For Board Meeting adgenda.pdf
- Section:** **III. Executive Director's Report**
Item: A. FY17 Budget Presentation
Purpose: Discuss
Goal:
Submitted by: Matt Underwood
Related Material: FY17 Budget slides_4.12.16.pdf
- Section:** **IV. Business & Operations**
Item: A. Monthly financial statements
Purpose: FYI
Goal:
Submitted by:
Related Material: Cash Balances.pdf
03_31_16 Cash Flow.pdf
03_31_16 Finance committe report.pdf
- Section:** **V. Educational Excellence**
Item: A. 2016 Legislative Session Update
Purpose: FYI
Goal:
Submitted by: Eric Teusink
Related Material: 2016.4.19 - PA Subcommittee Report.pdf
- Section:** **V. Educational Excellence**

Item: B. Monthly Educational Excellence Report
Purpose: FYI
Goal:
Submitted by: Tiffany Mitchell
Related Material: Ed excellence mtg notes 4.13.16.pdf

Section: **VI. Fund Development**
Item: A. Monthly fund development report
Purpose: Discuss
Goal:
Submitted by:
Related Material: April 2016 FD report.pdf

ANCS PTCA Report April 2016

Overview

Mini Grants

Round three: May

Events

Teacher Appreciation Week
RWTW

Volunteers

Co-chair and committee updates

PTCA General Meeting

May 10

Executive Committee updates

Upcoming PTCA Events

Run With the Wolves
April 30

PTCA General Meeting
May 10

Dine Out
TBD



ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL

Helping students learn to use their minds well

April 15, 2016

Dear Members of the ANCS Governing Board:

It with great pleasure that I present to you the slate of candidates recommended by the Board Nominations Subcommittee for your full vote and approval at our Board meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. The candidates, nominated to serve on the ANCS Governing Board for a three year term beginning July of 2016, are as follows:

Nick Chiles
Meeghan Fortson
Joyce Lewis
Eric Teusink.

I wish to express my GREAT THANKS to the members of the Nominations Subcommittee: Lia Santos, Tiffany Mitchell, Mitch White, Matt Underwood, and our guest interviewers, Narin Hassan and Tara Stoinski. Through hard work an open discussion we arrived at an excellent slate of candidates who best meet the current needs of the Board and who will continue the great work of our school into the future. I have provided a brief summary of their credentials and applications following this letter. I ask that you approve this slate of candidates.

-Leigh Finlayson
Nominations Subcommittee Chair



Nick Chiles

Nick Chiles is Pulitzer Prize winning author who has written extensively about the education of children of color. He is a graduate of Yale and the father of two high school aged daughters and a college aged son. Nick and his wife, Denene Miller, run the Grady High School Writing Center where they help students with writing assignments, college application essays, scholarships, resumes, and other writing challenges. Previously, Nick served as Editor-in-Chief at Harlem Overheard (Harlem Children's Zone); where he mentored dozens of youngsters in the Harlem area who were interested in careers in journalism. Nick was an education reporter at New York Newsday from 1988-1995, and 2000-2003. There, he covered the nation's largest school system as the lead education reporter. Nick is "intrigued by the part of the Board's mission that challenges students to become lifelong learners and to develop self-knowledge, and also by the school's interest in engaging the 'whole child.'"

Meeghan Fortson

Meeghan Fortson serves as the Director of Advancement at Marist School. She served as Director of Development at Marist from 2010-2014, and was the Director of Alumni Relations and the Westminster Fund at The Westminster Schools from 2008-2010. Meeghan is an Atlanta native, a graduate of the Westminster Schools and Middlebury College. Meeghan strongly agrees "with the principles of teaching kids to be life-long learners, to build confidence, to learn how to solve problems, and to collaborate with others." She believes in "the development of the whole student and teaching depth over coverage . . . and in "teaching kids how to think –not what to think."



Joyce Gist Lewis

Joyce Lewis is a longtime parent at ANCS with two children currently at the Middle Campus. Joyce has volunteered for years at ANCS, serving in numerous roles including room parent and chair of the Related Arts Committee. Joyce is an attorney with Shingler Lewis, LLC. Joyce serves as vice president of the Lawyers' Club, and serves on several committees of the State Bar of Georgia. Joyce has been voted on and declared a "Super Lawyer" by her peers. Joyce is completing her term as Pastoral Council Chair at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Joyce believes "in the school's dedication to educating the whole child, and its efforts to foster a collaborative environment between parents, teachers, and administrators"

Eric Teusink

Eric Teusink is a managing partner with Williams Teusink, LLC. Eric attended UGA for undergraduate and law school. This year Eric has served on the ANCS Board's Educational Excellence Committee and has chaired the Public Affairs Subcommittee. In this role, he has worked to educate the Board on the actual or potential impact on ANCS of legislation pending before the Atlanta Public Schools Board of Education and the Georgia Legislature. Eric has advocated for the inclusion of charter schools as recipients of SPLOST funding, and begun developing a GOTV strategy for ANCS parents, supporters, friends, and allies. Eric strongly believes in the ANCS mission to "BUILD an empowered and inclusive community of students, parents, and educators." He notes, "Americans are increasingly self-segregating along racial, economic, and ideological lines. Among the many reasons this is such a disturbing trend is that, should it continue, children will be poorly equipped to engage with those unlike them."



**ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD
CHARTER SCHOOL**

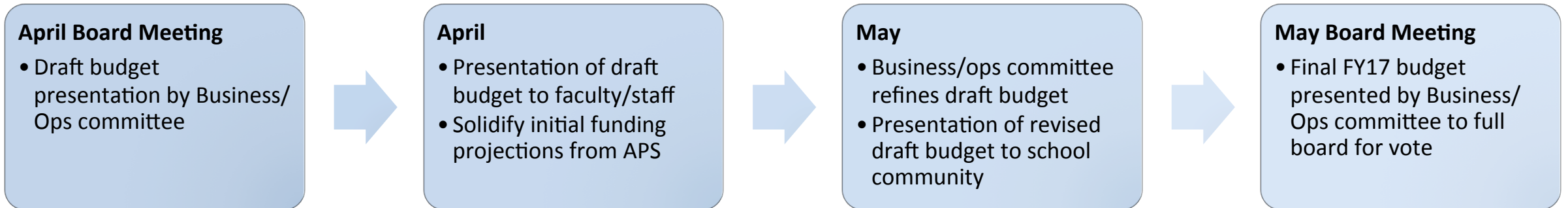
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FY17 ANCS BUDGET – INITIAL PROJECTIONS & ASSUMPTIONS

Agenda

- FY17 Budgeting Timeline
- FY17 Funding Projections
- FY17 Budget Priorities
- Clarifying Questions?
- Feedback & Discussion

FY17 Budgeting Timeline



FY17 Funding Projections

STATE

- ◆ Projecting roughly 3% increase in state QBE funding for FY17
- ◆ GA Legislature is considering major changes to QBE formula which could significantly impact state funding for FY18 and beyond—likely to be a positive impact for charter schools but much remains to be decided

LOCAL

- ◆ Projecting roughly 2-3% increase in local tax revenue funding for FY17
- ◆ APS expects steady growth of tax digest over next four years at a rate of about 3%/year
- ◆ APS will receive one time \$10 million Beltline payment from city in FY17, then payment amount drops in subsequent years
- ◆ APS is proposing using ~ \$15 million of its fund balance (reserves) to balance its budget
- ◆ ANCS would receive proportional share of Beltline & fund balance use; FY17 = \$300,000

FY17 Budget Priorities

- Aligned with **mission** of the school to use the Coalition of Essential Schools Common Principles to:
 - *Build* an empowered, inclusive community of students, parents, & educators
 - *Engage* the whole child—intellectually, social-emotionally, physically
 - *Help* all students to know themselves and to be known well by their community
 - *Challenge* each student to take an active role as an informed citizen in a global society
 - *Collaborate* with the larger community to advocate for student-centered schools
- Aligned with goals of **three-year strategic plan** in key domains:
 - Teaching & Learning
 - Diversity
 - Faculty & Staff Development
 - Parent & Community Engagement
 - Fundraising & Resource Development
 - Facilities & Operations
 - Governance Capacity

Priorities Currently in FY17 Budget Draft

Priority	Expected Cost
Continued reduction of student-teacher ratios	\$130,000
2% cost-of-living salary increase for employees	\$130,000
Add 1 FTE instructional coach (salary/benefits)	\$85,000
Increase curriculum materials budget	\$40,000
Increase furniture budget for replacements	\$25,000
Continued contribution to facilities reserves	\$210,000
Total costs	\$620,000

Other Priorities Under Consideration for FY17

Priority	Expected Cost
Add 1 FTE maintenance support	\$50,000
Add 1 FTE instructional tech support	\$50,000
Add 0.5 FTE media center clerk	\$25,000
Add 0.5 FTE fundraising support	\$30,000
Add 1 FTE farm-to-school support	\$40,000
Add 0.5 FTE nurse	\$30,000
Additional mobile unit at elementary campus	\$40,000
Total costs	\$265,000

Key Takeaways

- FY16 saw big leap in revenue from prior years mainly due to (1) rise in local tax revenue & (2) large back payments for Beltline agreement from city to APS
- With increased FY16 revenue, ANCS able to address several strategic needs & begin purposeful longer term planning by building reserve and contingency funds
- Funding will continue to rise in FY17 but at smaller rate and with two local revenue sources (Beltline payments & use of APS fund balance) that cannot be counted on at same level in future years
- Our commitment to reducing student-teacher ratios means our funding increase is not as large as it might be for other schools
- Putting funds towards one priority will mean not having those funds for another priority, so we have to be strategic about the use of our resources and align them with our mission and goals

Questions? Feedback?

- What **clarifying questions** do you have about the development of the FY17 budget?
- Keeping in mind our strategic plan, what **feedback** do you have about the development of the FY17 budget? Where is it aligned with the strategic plan? Where might there be gaps?

ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL
FY 2016 - Pro Forma Monthly Cash Flow Statement
March 31, 2016

	Allocation based on FTE Count = 669											FY17	
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16
Revenue													
Local/State Funding	\$155,967	\$823,259	\$820,011	\$820,012	\$820,011	\$821,955	\$850,720	\$800,654	\$800,654	\$800,654	\$800,654	\$0	\$0
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,506	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
Contributions & Fundraising	\$3,593	\$3,690	\$2,737	\$21,156	\$28,517	\$14,261	\$18,792	\$23,630	\$143,295	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$0
Program Income	\$2,158	\$43,765	\$53,877	\$84,027	\$48,425	\$37,009	\$47,667	\$50,060	\$69,207	\$47,000	\$36,740	\$0	\$0
Nutriton Program Income	\$546	\$18,808	\$38,643	\$31,810	\$25,141	\$26,797	\$23,882	\$28,251	\$26,847	\$22,000	\$21,000	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Title 1 & Facilities Grant	\$75,586	\$41,081	\$0	\$12,559	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$523	\$7	\$251	\$1,158	\$171	\$786	\$692	\$310	\$303	\$825	\$825	\$825	\$855
i3 CREATE Grant Income	\$37,868	\$7,517	\$88,500	\$50,000			\$30,489	\$101,634	\$112,920				
Total Revenue	\$276,241	\$938,126	\$1,004,020	\$1,020,721	\$922,265	\$920,808	\$972,242	\$1,004,539	\$1,156,732	\$876,479	\$865,219	\$205,825	\$855
Expenditures													
Salaries and Benefits	\$552,057	\$594,363	\$594,278	\$642,084	\$616,167	\$640,233	\$630,706	\$633,980	\$681,033	\$615,000	\$615,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
Professional Development	\$17,323	\$37,082	\$1,036	\$14,042	\$20,203	\$16,098	\$20,571	\$10,135	\$5,638	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
Curriculum & Classroom Expenses	\$5,483	\$43,960	\$14,341	\$7,917	\$6,655	\$15,501	\$7,735	\$11,878	\$6,186	\$9,500	\$7,200	\$0	\$0
Program Expenses	\$3,994	\$8,578	\$10,322	\$27,217	\$15,413	\$24,329	\$43,302	\$25,482	\$37,908	\$23,250	\$23,250	\$0	\$0
Building & Grounds	\$42,195	\$42,663	\$37,587	\$50,771	\$42,596	\$39,819	\$69,201	\$69,274	\$37,179	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Fixed Assets Expenditures	\$3,933	(\$2,079)	\$30,896	\$3,379	\$5,170	\$535	\$10,750	\$1,438	\$1,250	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$65,000	\$0
Professional Services	\$4,355	\$3,610	\$15,970	\$5,441	\$13,183	\$0	\$2,150	\$30	\$14,640	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Gen&Admin/Insurance/Interest	\$23,014	\$15,776	\$12,466	\$15,573	\$13,474	\$12,629	\$13,432	\$24,749	\$13,656	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$8,000	\$7,500
Nutrition Program Expenses	\$352	\$15,547	\$19,741	\$21,684	\$14,290	\$15,156	\$16,723	\$9,659	\$22,506	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0	\$0
Equipment Rental (Copiers)	\$2,580	\$3,964	\$7,436	\$3,080	\$6,941	\$0	\$6,379	\$6,049	\$4,908	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Furniture & Equip (Non Capitalized)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$535	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500		
Fundraising Expenses	\$150	\$785	\$5,244	\$1,330	\$3,054	\$2,576	\$855	\$7,731	\$11,295	\$1,300	\$1,100	\$0	\$0
i3 CREATE Expenses	\$13,436	\$25,014	\$84,850	\$9,443	\$28,920	\$41,668	\$10,754	\$22,518	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$668,872	\$789,264	\$834,166	\$801,961	\$786,600	\$808,545	\$832,557	\$822,922	\$836,197	\$750,050	\$745,550	\$732,000	\$666,500
Total Revenues - Total Expenditures	(\$392,631)	\$148,862	\$169,853	\$218,760	\$135,665	\$112,263	\$139,685	\$181,617	\$320,535	\$126,429	\$119,669	\$(526,175)	\$(665,645)
EOM Cash Balance	\$199,945	\$335,803	\$499,476	\$516,183	\$421,138	\$530,628	\$665,875	\$824,426	\$1,012,746	\$1,139,175	\$1,258,844	\$732,669	\$67,024
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected

Note: Adjusted to reflect only Bank of North Georgia operating accounts. Not including \$904k of investments

Total investments held by ANCS**3/31/2016**

Institution	Investment	Amount
Bank of North Georgia	Money Market	502,267
Bank of North Georgia	Money Market - Reserve	193,942
Bank of North Georgia	Operating accounts	<u>316,537</u>
		1,012,746
Edward Jones - BMW Bank	CD	230,876 2 year - matures Nov 2017
Edward Jones - Ally Bank	CD	200,000 2 year - matures Nov 2016
Self-Help Credit Union	CD	228,940 1 year - matures Oct 2016
Edward Jones Bank	Money Market	225,042 Money Market account
Self-Help Credit Union	Money Market	<u>20,676</u> Money Market account
Total invested funds (not at BoNG)		905,534
Grand total ANCS funds		\$1,918,280

ATLANTA NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL
Budget to Actual FY2016
YTD March 31, 2016

Period Ended 3/31/2016

	YTD FY2015 Actual	YTD FY2016 Actual	YTD Budget	YTD \$Variance	FY2016 Budget
Income					
Local/State Funding	\$5,429,105	\$6,713,242	6,550,646	162,596	8,188,308
Grants	\$383,249	\$74,642	0	74,642	240,000
Title 2 Funding	\$0	\$3,506	0	0	0
Contributions & Fundraising	\$231,498	\$204,539	182,000	22,539	260,000
Prior year Facilities Grant & Title 1 Funds Received	\$175,000	\$129,225	0	129,225	0
Program Income	\$393,675	\$444,774	381,600	63,174	477,000
Nutrition Income	\$188,286	\$209,361	200,000	9,361	250,000
i3 CREATE Income	\$101,485	\$439,468	88,000	351,468	110,000
Other Income	\$18,580	\$4,199	6,960	(2,761)	8,700
Total Income	\$ 6,920,878	\$ 8,222,956	\$ 7,409,206	\$ 813,750	\$ 9,534,008

Much of this is a pass through, \$110k in salaries

\$ 7,783,489

Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$5,124,228	\$5,513,599	5,477,666	(35,933)	7,303,555
Prior Year - Final NTRP expense	\$0	\$31,433	0	(31,433)	0
Professional Development	\$122,241	\$105,130	59,500	(45,630)	59,500
Curriculum & Classroom Expenses	\$113,077	\$120,342	125,100	4,758	139,000
Program Expenses	\$176,851	\$195,354	248,850	53,496	276,500
Building & Grounds	\$421,257	\$432,148	488,275	56,127	651,033
Fixed Asset Expenditures	\$652,298	\$61,604	140,701	79,096	156,334
Professional Services	\$34,025	\$59,378	42,750	(16,628)	57,000
Gen&Admin/Insurance/Interest Expense	\$143,798	\$146,470	136,176	(10,294)	181,568
Nutrition Program Purchases	\$115,696	\$135,721	120,000	(15,721)	160,000
Equipment Rental (Copiers)	\$39,154	\$41,337	45,000	3,663	60,000
Furniture & Equipment (Non-Capitalized)	\$13,378	\$535	4,500	3,965	6,000
Fundraising Expenses	\$36,032	\$29,738	32,400	2,662	43,200
Contingency Funds	\$0	\$193,910	193,910	0	387,820
i3 CREATE Grant Expenses	\$80,269	\$457,190	0	(457,190)	0
Total Expenditures	\$7,072,304	\$7,523,889	\$ 7,114,828	\$ (409,062)	\$ 9,481,510
Operating Income/Loss	\$ (151,426)	\$ 699,067	\$ 294,379	\$ 404,688	\$ 52,498

* Offset is Title 2 Funds
 Paperwork filed, very slow.

* Flooring work won't begin until May

\$6,811,185

budgeted



ANCS Public Affairs Subcommittee Report

From: Eric Teusink
To: ANCS Board of Directors
Date: April 19th, 2016

Atlanta Board of Education

1. **SPLOST Vote.** As previously discussed, the SPLOST Vote will occur on Tuesday, May 24th. Early voting will begin on May 2nd. In recent conversations with multiple school board members, it seems they are a little behind schedule on GOTV efforts. In those conversations, I have repeatedly expressed ANCS's interest in taking an active role in the campaign

Georgia General Assembly – Legislative Wrap-up

1. **HB895 (Passed/Unsigned).** HB 895 requires financial training for those in charge of finances at charter schools, clearly separates the duties of the head of school and the financial director, and requires two to three of the required hours of governance training for charter school boards be devoted to financial oversight.
2. **HB65 (Passed/Unsigned).** HB 65 would require boards of charter schools, along with local boards of education, to *"hold at least two public meetings for the purpose of providing an opportunity for public input on its proposed annual operating budget before adopting any budget."*
3. **SB364 (Passed/Unsigned).** Bill makes changes to testing and their relationship to teacher evaluations. Highlights include: (1) Limiting impact of students with poor attendance records; (2) Lowering the percentage of the evaluation based upon student from 50% to 30% while allowing more flexibility in the tests which constitute the 30% allocated to testing; and (3) Limiting testing outside of STEM and English Language Arts.
4. **HB 751 (Passed/Unsigned).** This is the state budget and is the only bill that must be passed every year. The total budget this year was \$23.7 billion, which exceeds pre-recession level spending and is an increase of 2.9% over last year. Includes \$300 million to schools to eliminate furloughs and increase teacher pay.



The Educational Excellence Committee met on April 13, 2016. In attendance were Elizabeth Hearn, Tiffany Mitchell, Tara Stoinski, & Matt Underwood. Items discussed included:

1. Metrics for measuring academic performance: the group discussed adding several metrics to the dashboard, with particular focus on: 1) assessing skills beyond those measured by traditional standardized tests (e.g. problem solving, reasoning); 2) segmenting data to understand variation in learning patterns within the student body; 3) including metrics for social studies and science.

To address #1: During the 2016-2017, the school will start administering the CoGAT, which assesses reasoning and problem solving skills and the Gallup Student Poll, which measures student well being and engagement. These results will be included on the dashboard.

To address #2: Results on MAP and Milestones will be presented for the school as a whole as well as for subcategories of students where there may be potential learning gaps. Specifically, we discussed students who are new to the school/from poverty (based on 2015 milestones data) as well as students who score high on the MAP at the beginning of the year (to see how they perform with respect to their RIT scores as a measure of academic challenge).

To address #3: Student performance in high school on the Biology and US History EOC milestones will be included on the dashboard to assess learning in science and social studies, as it was felt that these would be the most accurate metrics.

The group also discussed ensuring that appropriate comparison groups are included when presenting results. Because the demographics of ANCS is different from other groups in the Jackson Cluster, this would include comparisons not just to other neighborhood schools but also the top 3 performing schools in the district.

Finally, we discussed where we want to see the school move in terms of performance on milestones and MAP (e.g. what % of increase do we want to see in students performing at the distinguished/proficient level, etc). The leadership team will develop these metrics to present to the committee for discussion.

2. Diversity Committee: ANCS K-8 leadership team has been working with a team of facilitators this year to explore issues of diversity and equity. For next school year, these facilitators will expand their work to structure diversity and equity learning experiences for teachers/staff, parents, and the board. In anticipation of this work, the educational excellence committee will select at least one member of its committee to work in conjunction with the staff diversity coordinator, facilitators, and other general teacher/staff and parent reps to form a standing diversity and equity subcommittee to guide the broader work in these areas. The educational excellence committee will provide periodic updates to the board on the work of this subcommittee next school year.





April 2016 Fund Development Report

Activities:

The Fund Development committee met on Friday, April 1. Agenda items included post-auction review/planning for 2017, planning the major donor event, and activities for annual campaign week/remaining plans for the year.

ANCS video: the ANCS video has been completed. Matt and Narin prepared material for a preview e-blast. We will also share the video on social media and screen it during annual campaign week.

Annual campaign week: Scheduled for May 9-15. Some plans include courier announcements, an e-blast, a possible kids penny drive, car pool distribution of material, alumni video messages/kids video messages, material about the campaign distributed at both campuses.

Major Donor party: The major donor party is scheduled for May 15 at Eventide (5:30-9pm). We now have some entertainment confirmed: The Ormewoods will perform material from their forthcoming album. Food will be provided by Mi Cocina. ANCS sponsors at the \$1000 level and above have received “save the date” messages. We are reviewing this year’s donations and will promote the event to the community in the coming weeks and send invitations.

Other Outreach/Communication: The final Gather & Grow newsletter is scheduled for the beginning of annual campaign week (May 9). We plan to have courier messages during annual campaign week as well.



Auction Update:

Final number for the auction was a gross of \$110,260. Expenditures were approximately \$18,000. This year the committee worked closely with Kari and other staff and worked out more efficient and organized ways to manage item donations and overall planning. The fund development committee still recommends additional support for auction planning. Unfortunately, the consultant we initially hired was not the right fit, and committee chairs still did the work that we expected would be covered by the consultant. The fund development committee discussed securing a 2017 date soon (ideally the first Saturday in March since we have used that date for two years now). This may be a year to explore the option of a new venue as well (although we have an excellent rate at the Freight Depot and they allow us to select our own caterer).

External Funding Updates:

ANCS has the following funding requests out there currently:

- \$92,500 to support our farm to school program (will hear back in July if we are awarded)
- \$180,000 to support Center for Collaborative Learning and CREATE activities (will know more about this [two total requests] by June)



