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Minutes

April Monthly ANCS Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday April 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Location
ANCS Elementary Campus - 688 Grant Street, Atlanta 30315

Notice of this meeting was posted at each campus and on the ANCS website in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1.

Directors Present
Eric Teusink, Joyce Gist Lewis, Leigh Finlayson, Lia Santos, Meeghan Fortson, Melissa McKay-Hagan, Mitch White, Narin Hassan, Nicholas Chiles, Philippe Pellerin, Ryan Camp, Tara Stoinski, Tiffany Mitchell

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Matt Underwood

Guests Present
Cathey Goodgame, Cathey Goodgame, Colin Gatewood, Kari Lovell, Lara Zelski, Laura Melton, Mark Sanders, Maya Jenkins, Nakia Echols, Shanakay Watson, Veleta Greer

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Mitch White called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Tuesday Apr 18, 2017 at 6:33 PM.

C. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting

Melissa McKay-Hagan made a motion to approve minutes from the March Monthly Board Meeting on 03-23-17 March Monthly Board Meeting on 03-23-17.
Nicholas Chiles seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. PTCA Report

PTCA President was not in attendance. M. McKay-Hagan presented the monthly PTCA report. PTCA Approved six mini grants, and actively looking for a PTCA president. Upcoming events include 3rd Friday coffee, and Run With the Wolves

E. Principals' Open Forum

ANCS principals shared highlights from each campus. Elementary Campus: finishing up Milestones, second round of interviews this Friday, teacher evaluations are being finished up.
Middle Campus: Milestones continue, interviews (beginning a new course called design), exhibitions are coming up (panel slots are available), and drama group is putting on School House Rock

II. Old Business

A. Update board nominations policy

Vote on update to board nominations policy to delete the step of PTCA ratification of the slate. Mitch White provided a background of previous conversations on the PTCA ratifying the board slate in the May meeting.
Tiffany Mitchell made a motion to take out Section 5 of the Board Nominations Policy in the ANCS Board Policy Guide (ratification of the board slate at the May PTCA meeting).
Leigh Finlayson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. New Business

A. Vote on 2017 New Board Member Slate

Leigh Finlayson made a motion to approve the new board slate (put forward by the nomindations subcommittee) for a term of 3 years beginning July 1, 2017.
Lia Santos seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Executive Director's Report

A. Review of 2017 New Student Enrollment Lottery

Matt Underwood reviewed the process and results from the 2017 new student enrollment lottery. An overview of the lottery results (some locations of where students applied). The incoming Kindergarten free and reduced lunch percentage is a little over 20% which is an increase compared to this school year. Students that have marked academically disadvantaged are at the top of the wait list. In May, student enrollment will be reported.

B. 2016 "Beating the Odds" Report

Georgia Charter Accountability goals were reviewed (the goals met, and the goals unmet) and an explanation of how CCRPI goals are created. The beating the odds goals are now more public. Beating the Odds comparison chart was created among surrounding schools, and schools closest to ANCS CCRPI score. ANCS is in the first year of the new charter renewal contract. Aiming to close in the achievement gap, increasing the amount of students that are "economically disadvantaged". Beginning to track how students are doing in Social Studies once they get to high school (now only looking at these test scores in only 5th and 8th grades).

V. Business & Operations

A. Monthly financial statements & reports

Review of budget and financial report. Following and tracking the budget accordingly. Always monitors the financial health of any bank the school is keeping operating cash in.

B. FY18 Budget

Ryan Camp gave an update on proposed FY18 ANCS budget. Two top priorities are teacher salary increases, and student class size reduction as outlined in the strategic plan. QB funding is expected to go up about 5%. Looking at a 2% salary increase and looking into a structured bonus system based on teacher tenure (this structure would add about 3 1/2% to the current salary structure). Proposal will be finalized this month. Field trips budgets are paid in, then paid out (looking to do possible fundraisers for trips to offer more scholarships)

VI. Educational Excellence

A. Monthly Educational Excellence Report

B. Public Affairs Subcommittee Report

An overview of various candidates running for seats. Gave the idea of ANCS hosting candidate forums. Reminded of as a school cannot endorse candidates. Official candidates will be known at the end of July.

VII. Governance

A. Monthly Governance Report

Nominations sub-committee was active this month. Met with leadership team, and Matt for proposal in the compensation policy. Update will be in May for pay increases along with a vote, and faculty feedback.

VIII. Fund Development

A. Monthly fund development report

Funds for this year is about the same amount as last year. Preparing for annual campaign week (carpool info for both campuses within the next few weeks). Net from the auction is about $90,000. Possibly a kid penny drive. Waiting to hear from a farm to school grant. Received a solar panel rebate. Will not host a donor party this year.

IX. Closing Items

A. Brief Meeting Reflection

B. Adjourn Meeting

Philippe Pellerin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Leigh Finlayson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa McKay-Hagan