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# Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday January 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM

#### Location

ANCS Elementary Campus - 688 Grant Street 30315

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

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#### Directors Present

Eric Teusink, Hanah Goldberg, Jordache Avery, Joyce Gist Lewis, Kristen Frenzel, Lia Santos, Meeghan Fortson, Nakia Echols, Nicholas Chiles, Sabrina Sexton

#### Directors Absent

Howard Franklin, Laura Melton

#### Guests Present

Kristen German

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Lia Santos called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Tuesday Jan 22, 2019 at 6:38 PM.

### **C. Public Comment**

Katie Hayes director of community farmer's market, running through March

### **D. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting**

Joyce Gist Lewis made a motion to approve minutes Board Meeting on 12-18-18.

Nakia Echols seconded the motion.

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

### **E. PTCA Report**

Did not have a representative tonight, because they had to move their board meeting due to the holiday. Friday January 25th is bingo night. Grant applications closed January 18th, and will be reviewed January 22nd. Middle campus coffee will have their copy topic on suicide prevention. Goal is to increase PTCA membership.

### **F. Principals' Open Forum**

Elementary campus mid-year conferences with teachers and staff. Discussing how to celebrate Black History month (student performances at both campuses. Middle campus students received their progress reports. Kid data talks (February 4th and 5th), people will sit with students and look at MAP and Milestones growth. The discussions will be sent home to parents. The goal is to help students to pay more attention to their scores, and the meaning behind the scores. Board members are invited to participate. There will be a survey asking students whether this information was helpful. 8th grade participating in community service. 7th grade is preparing for their trip to Jekyll.

## **II. Executive Director's Report**

### **A. Monthly Report**

Lara Zelski has taken on the Acting Executive role. New recruitment work. The first fair is a family recruitment fair at Ivy Prep in Kirkwood. The Teachers' of Color Recruitment Fair, and Georgia Charter school fair (interviews will begin earlier this year). This is an attempt to change the narrative of what is done at ANCS of who we are and what we do here.

Organizing visits to ANCS campus for CREATE residents this year. The teacher retention rate for this year looks pretty high. February 2nd and February 13th are the dates for the information sessions for the elementary campus, February 9th and 12th for middle campus.

Saturday school is to help students who may be struggling, enrichment, and test prep. The dates are a little bit further, since the Milestones are further (March 2nd). Before Spring Break students will focus on academics. After Spring Break, students will focus on test taking skills. Middle campus students are still planning the logistics. This is done by

invitation only. Feedback for Saturday school from the parents have been positive as well as test scores.

Morning intervention classes started back at the elementary campus this week. This is a small group intense 30 minute instruction. Intervention is k-1, 2-3, 4-5. School psychologists hosts kids talk meetings twice a month.

Middle campus intervention occurs during their Academic Growth Period Class.

Sandy Hook Promise to Say Something is to anonymously report things through an app or computer if there is a safety concern. Students and teachers were trained on the use of the app. When it is reported the tips go through a crisis center and Cathey and Kristin are able to read the tips. 6AM-6PM tips are forwarded to the principal, assistant principal, and the middle school counselor. After 6PM, the crisis center handles the situation and contacts APS if the tip is life threatening. Every middle and high school student in APS have been trained on this system. This was a selected in program.

Enjoy having Officer Young working at the school.

NAEP ANCS was selected to participate this is done across the country. 5th and 8th grade will complete.

### **III. Fund Development**

#### **A. Monthly fund development report**

Racheal Smith is the co-chair (Christine Dyer) of the auction this year, and serves on the sponsorship team. The auction is March 9th called Ambience studios. The theme is a speak easy jazz festival. Music is the focus. There will be a jazz trio along with a DJ. Sponsorships have been streamlined, and will be provided with a packet. \$34,000 have been raised with sponsorship so far this will be split some what with the PTCA. Sponsors will have benefits with Run With the Wolves, and Fall Fest. VIP tables have been eliminated for general attendance. VIP are reserved for \$3,000 or higher. There will be a teacher care team. They will help with teacher time coordination. Teacher time with a cap number of kids and a flat fee per kid. Raffle baskets, people will be able to purchase raffle tickets the entire evening. Hoping that there will be individual art pieces for each child that are set prices. Tickets go on sale February 4th and the ticket prices are \$10.

#### **B. Auction Sub-Committee - General Update**

Gather and Grow is \$8,000 ahead where the fundraiser was last year. People have until the end of June to donate. Annual campaign is a separate goal. End of year tax letters for 2018 were sent out if people gave directly to the school and not through websites.

### **IV. Business & Operations**

**A. Monthly financial statements & reports**

The presenters for business and operations committee were sick. The new roof will start the last day of school.

**V. Governance**

**A. Monthly Governance Report**

No monthly governance report.

**B. Board Nominations Sub-Committee - Nominations Policy**

Eric Teusink made a motion to approve the changes to the sub-committee.

Joyce Gist Lewis seconded the motion.

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

Changed every board nomination to subcommittee. Fixed the timing to fit the actual sub-committee schedule. The requirement for a middle campus parent on the sub-committee was removed. New board members start July 1. Current board members vote on board members no later than a June meeting.

**C. BOARD NOMINATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE - Skills/Experience Needed**

Could possibly gain up to five new board members. Can have up to thirteen board members. Looking for people with diversity and equity experience, k-12 experience, communications. Want applicants to have lenses of equity and diversity. Would like more middle campus parent board members, along with non-parent board members.

**VI. Educational Excellence**

**A. Monthly Educational Excellence Report**

no report

**B. Public Affairs Subcommittee Report**

**VII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicholas Chiles