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Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

Minutes

ANCS Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday October 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Location

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89252317450>

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

Directors Present

Angela Christie (remote), Barrett Coker Krise (remote), Ben Sutton (remote), Carla Wells (remote), Emily Ormsby (remote), Hanah Goldberg (remote), Jason Rhodes (remote), Jordache Avery (remote), Kristen Frenzel (remote), Kristi Malloy (remote), Lee Kynes (remote), Rhonda Collins (remote)

Directors Absent

Sabrina Sexton

Guests Present

Ashley Deck (remote), Cathey Goodgame (remote), Chuck Meadows (remote), Lara Zelski (remote), Mark Sanders (remote), Nicole King (remote), Paige Teusink (remote)

I. Opening Items**A. Record Attendance and Guests****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Kristen Frenzel called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Monday Oct 19, 2020 at 6:32 PM.

C. Brain Smart Start

Nicole King led attendees in a Brain Smart Start

D. Public Comment

There were no public comments

E. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting

Barrett Coker Krise made a motion to approve the minutes from ANCS Governing Board Meeting on 09-21-20.

Jason Rhodes seconded the motion.

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

F. PTCA President Update

Paige Teusink provided the PTCA Update, noting an increase in membership and progress toward meeting their fundraising goal. Brittney Gove was appointed PTCA co-president. The Fall PTCA grant cycle has been postponed until January. See Board Packet for full report.

G. Principals' Open Forum

II. Executive Director's Report

A. Announcement of CREATE Grant

Elizabeth Hearn announced that CREATE has secured 2 large federal grants, securing the continuance of the program for at least the next 3 years.

B. Business Office Update

Chuck Meadows announced that the reorganization of the Business Office is now complete. Jerry Hanes is serving in the position of Chief Financial Officer, while Business Managers Martha Kessenich, Markecia Jacobs, and Paige Teusink are respectively responsible for Cash and Accounting, Budget and Personnel, and Advancement and Marketing.

C. Charter Renewal Update

Chuck Meadows provided an overview of recent developments in the charter renewal process. APS responded to the submitted charter renewal application with a list of items for which they requested clarification or additional information. The response to these requests is due October 28. The State Board of Education will vote on the charter renewal petition in February or March. See Board Packet for full report.

D. COVID-19 Update

Chuck Meadows provided an overview of the School Family Survey which asked faculty/staff and parents/caregivers for feedback regarding the school's response to the COVID pandemic. Over 80% of respondents to the School Family Surveys either approved or strongly approved of the schools' response to the COVID-19 pandemic thus far. Chuck also provided an ANCS COVID-19 Health Safety Overview. The 3 key components of the Health Safety Plan are to:

1. Take active measures to ensure that no one with COVID-19 enters the building
2. Base safety procedures and protocols on the assumption that everyone has COVID-19
3. Maintain student groupings in such a way that allows for containment of an outbreak

This overview included discussion of the school's response in the event that a student tests positive for COVID, as well as of new fixtures and equipment that are being purchased to ensure a safe, sanitary environment.

See Board Packet for full report.

III. Business & Operations

A. Monthly Business & Operations Report

Emily Ormsby provided the Business & Operations Committee report. Health insurance for school employees is being renewed through Open Enrollment in November. The school has secured a 1% reduction in premiums from last year. The Committee is working with the Business Office to revamp finance reports for usefulness and efficiency.

The annual audit is currently underway, and will be completed by the November Board Meeting. See Board Packet for full report.

B. Facilities Update

Jordache Avery provided the Facilities Update. Asbestos was found and has been removed from the Middle Campus. Air quality tests have been completed and passed. An automated, secure entry at the middle campus is being installed. Brick sealing and cleaning is being done in preparation of return to school.

IV. Educational Excellence

A. Monthly Educational Excellence Report

Hanah Goldberg provided the Educational Excellence Committee report. The Committee has been working with Chuck and GCSA to address APS' requests for clarification regarding the charter renewal application, specifically those related to outreach and the lottery. The Committee is also working on drafting a temporary attendance policy for use

during virtual/hybrid instruction, and will present this policy to the Board for consideration.

B. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Update

V. New Business

A. Update on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force

Jason Rhodes provided the update on the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force. The DEI Task Force met with Equity Support Coordinator Tilifayea Griffin to discuss how the Board might improve the effectiveness of its support for DEAT. Suggestions discussed at this meeting included Board support for a DEAT budget as well as for additional support provided to Tilifayea and DEAT for diversity outreach efforts. These suggestions will be further discussed at the next Task Force meeting. The Task Force has also discussed proposals designed to increase socioeconomic diversity on the Board. A set of recommendations regarding Board support for DEAT and the school's diversity outreach efforts, as well as efforts to increase socioeconomic diversity on the Board, will be presented for Board consideration at the November meeting.

VI. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Jason Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rhonda Collins 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 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Rhodes

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Documents used during the meeting

- 2020_09_21_board_meeting_minutes (1).pdf
- PTCA Report - 10.19.20 Governing Board Meeting.pdf
- Executive Director's Report 9_21_20 (1).pdf
- October Board Governance Report.docx
- BusOps Comm BOD Update_Oct 2020.pdf
- Educational Excellence Committee Report 10_2020.pdf
- MAP Growth Summary - Fall 2020.pdf