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Minutes

ANCS Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM

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), Sabrina Sexton (remote)

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Ashley Deck (remote), Brittney Gove (remote), Carol Keller (remote), Cathey Goodgame (remote), Chuck Meadows (remote), Clare Gordon (remote), Daniel DuVal (remote), Elizabeth Hearn (remote), Irina Brimmell (remote), Jaquoia Rockmore (remote), Jerry Hanes (remote), Katie Derichsweiler (remote), Kelly Dennis (remote), Kim Moran (remote), Lara Zelski (remote), Lesley Michaels (remote), Lindsey Garris (remote), Mark Sanders (remote), Markecia Jacobs (remote), Nancy Lamb (remote), Nicole King (remote), Noel Christy (remote), Paige Teusink (remote), Rhiannen Laurent (remote), Santina Gambor (remote), Toshia Meadows (remote), Vivian Lowe (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 Tuesday Jan 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

C. Brain Smart Start

Mark Sanders led the Brain Smart Start.

D. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

E. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting

Sabrina Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes from ANCS Governing Board Meeting on 12-14-20.
Lee Kynes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. PTCA President Update

Paige Teusink reported that the PTCA has reached nearly 70% of its annual fundraising goal. The PTCA is organizing a virtual Bingo night for the evening of Friday, January 29, and expressed appreciation to teachers by sending all teachers a $50 Amazon gift card. See packet for full report.

G. Principals' Open Forum

Lara Zelski shared that hybrid learning would begin for 2nd-5th graders on January 19, and for Kindergarten and 1st grade on January 25.

Cathey Goodgame shared that hybrid learning would begin on the Middle Campus on February 1.

Both principals discussed the incredible work involved in making preparations for a safe return to campus, and expressed appreciation for the effort and support of everyone, particularly teachers, who have worked together to make it happen.

II. Executive Director's Report

A. Charter Renewal Update

Chuck Meadows reported that the Atlanta Board of Education voted to approve the school charter. All that remains is for it to be approved by the State Board of Education. This vote will take place in March or May.

B. School Reopening Update

Chuck Meadows provided an overview of the learning options for cohort learning, the percentage of students choosing the hybrid option, and the additional support provided for designated high priority learners. See packet for full report.

C. Teacher and Student Recruitment

Chuck Meadows provided an overview of the timeline for the lottery, and discussed teacher recruitment efforts taking place at local universities.

III. DEAT Update

A. Monthly DEAT Report

Jason Rhodes reported that the DEAT Book Club would meet at 7:00 on Wednesday, February 3, for a discussion of *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*, by Janae Marks, and that a virtual discussion of the *New York Times* podcast "1619" would take place at 7:00PM on Thursday, January 21. Zoom links for both events can be found in the school calendar. He also reported that a meeting to discuss the process for establishing a DEAT budget, as well as for the creation of stipended positions to assist with outreach to economically disadvantaged families in the Tier 1 attendance zone, would take place on January 20.

IV. Business & Operations

A. Monthly Business & Operations Report

Emily Ormsby gave the Business and Operations Report. See packet for details.

B. Vote on Revised Budget

Sabrina Sexton made a motion to approve the revised budget.
Jason Rhodes seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Governance

A. Monthly Governance Report

Lee Kynes discussed the Executive Director evaluation, and asked that board members complete the evaluation survey by the end of the month. The Governance Committee is continuing the process of policy review.

B. Nominations Task Force Report

Kristi Malloy provided an overview of the timeline for the nominations process, and highlighted changes to the board application. See packet for full report.

C. Vote on Revisions to Nominations Policy

Kristi Malloy made a motion to approve revisions to the nominations policy.
Ben Sutton seconded the motion.
The revisions include updating the name of the task force to Board Nominations Task Force (from Board Nominations Sub-Committee), adding language regarding diversity commitments, and edits reflecting new focus on recruiting for culture fit and soft skills as opposed to hard skills.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Fund Development

A. Monthly Fund Development Report

Sabrina Sexton provided an update on the Gather and Grow campaign, and reported that it had been decided not to hold a Wonderball fundraising event this year. Fund Development Committee meetings will be moved to a date later in the month, to allow time for processing of end-of-month financials. The new meeting schedule will be announced soon. See packet for full report.

VII. Educational Excellence

A. Monthly Educational Excellence Report

Hanah Goldberg reported that a draft calendar for the 2021-2022 school year would be shared in February and voted on by the board in March. She provided a charter renewal update, noted the independent auditors' high praise of the school's charter renewal application, and thanked Chuck, the Leadership Team and the board for their efforts in steering the application through to completion. See packet for full report.

VIII. New Business

A. Information on Training, Board Retreat

Jason Rhodes provided information about the Board Winter Retreat on Saturday, February 13, as well as about training requirements.

IX. 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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Rhodes

Jason Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Sabrina Sexton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Documents used during the meeting

- PTCA Report - 01.19.21 Governing Board Meeting.pdf
- Executive Director's Report 1_19_20.pdf
- January 2021 - DEAT Update.pdf
- January_Board_Governance_Report (2).pdf
- Board Nominations Task Force Update 01.2021.pdf
- Final Nominations Policy_Jan2019_Suggested Revisions 2020 (1).pdf
- Fund Development Committee Report January 2021.pdf
- Educational Excellence Committee Report 1_2021.pdf
- New Business - Retreat & Board Training Update.pdf
- BusOps Comm BOD Update_Jan 2021 (1).pdf
- 12_30_20 Finance Committe Report FY21 FINAL with 6% Contingency (1).pdf